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Teachers' anger at pay by results

TEACHERS THREATENED industrial action last night over new plans for pay by results in the classroom. The warning soured the amouncement of inflation-busting pay rises from 1 April for 1.25 million public sector workers, including nurses, judges, the armed forces and civil servants.

Cabinet ministers were convinced that approving pay increases averaging 4.1 per cent well above the inflation rate of 2.8 per cent - would quell anxiety over changes to the way

that pay is assessed. But ministers faced a backBY COLIN BROWN, JUDITH JUDD AND BEN RUSSELL

lash after they revealed sweeping changes to teachers' pay, which will be linked partly to their pupils' exam results for the first time since the Victorian era, as part of moves to end the old system of pay increases across the board for the public sector.

A revolution in NHS pay scales is also being planned by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, who will publish proposals for consultation "very soon" to allow more flexibility

in NHS pay. This also could include performance-related pay. "It is not just for teachers. You might hring the same idea to hospitals," said the Prime Min-

ister's official spokesman. There was anger at the way rises are being targeted at high performers. Classroom teachers were still smarting at the news they will receive just 3.5 per cent this year while some heads will get 9.5 per cent.

NHS consultants were upset at their treatment while the pay deal was directed at the nurses. Trainee murses will be given an increase of 12 per cent to en-

courage recruitment and end the nurse shortage, but many nurses will get 4.7 per cent. Civil servants were also annoyed to discover a handful of

high-flying Whitehall mandarins will receive pay rises of up to 10.5 per cent after their senior salaries review body said the awards should be made to "the very few" top civil servants whose performance has been truly exceptional". At the same

time unsatisfactory performers" will not get any rise at all. MPs, who are linked to civil service grades, will get 2.8 per cent, but that was lifted to 4.3

per cent with the second stage of an award held over from last year, raising their salaries from £45,066 to £47,008. Cabinet pay rises are likely to be held to the inflation rate of 2.8 per cent to encourage wage restraint in private sector boardrooms.

Teachers' leaders expressed nger at the plans, which go far further than any previous Government proposals for reform.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, warned that industrial action was "nearer than it has been for many many years". He said: "Tony Blair is

saying: Take this now and wait for something better to come." What this shows is the 'better to come' is payment by results. There's nothing for teachers to wait for." David Blunkett, the Secre-

tary of State for Education, believes the changes will solve the recruitment crisis by rewarding the best teachers. "I welcome the teachers' review body's constructive approach to the need to reward good perfor-mance and I look forward to next year's exercise extending this approach to the determination of the pay of all teachers."

Teachers will be required to set targets for their pupils' performance in tests and exams each year in consultation with heads as part of the appraisal system to be introduced from 2000. Heads will assess how far the targets have been met, and then decide

whether the teacher should move up the pay scale. Those who reach the top of the ordinary pay scale will be able to secure an extra £2,000 a year by taking a "test" to see whether they match up to demanding standards.

The new "threshold" test

important than redistributing it,

Stephen Byers, the Secretary of

State for Trade and Industry,

will declare in a keynote speech

His address to a City audience

at the Mansion House will anger

left-wingers. It will be seen as an-

other attempt by the Govern-

ment to abandon Labour's

himself as an "outrider" for the

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the arch-moderniser Peter

Mandelson when be resigned in

December, is expected to argue

that New Labour's overriding

goal is not to create a more

equal society but a climate in

He insisted yesterday that

which business can prosper.

poor. "The challenge for this

Government is to ensure we

can marry both wealth cre-

won't allow people to be socially

David Drew, Labour MP for

Stroud, said last night: "The tax

and benefits system must be

used for some redistribution of

wealth. The fact is that if you are

creating wealth, you have got to

use it in the most positive way

possible, which means giving it

to people of lower means.

excluded as a result of that."

Mr Byers, who succeeded

will be expected to show that they have a track record of good results in relation to their pupils' ability. Classroom ob-servation, subject knowledge, the ability to keep order will also be taken into account.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, said he was "very disappointed". "They are going to have to change the proposals or there's no agreement," he said.

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Hoddle on the defensive as his support runs out

GLENN HODDLE faces his own By JOHN DAVISON AND day of reckoning today with an announcement about whether be will be sacked as England manager over disputed comments that disabled people are being punished for sins committed in previous lives.

After a day of confusion, claim, counter-claim and highprofile deglals. Hoddle is due to meet the Football Association (FA) this morning to put his side of the story. Already he has refused to resign, while Tony Blair has lined up behind growing numbers demanding he should go.

The high-level coterie of five

FA members who will make the final decision were yesterday conferring over the phone.

Meanwhile, the man at the centre of the storm launched his counter-offensive on television. Interviewed by Trevor McDonald for ITN, he denied that he had ever made the controversial comments. "The only reason people are

saying I should resign is that they are saying I have come out and said that people disabled and handicapped have been paying for their sins, and I have never, ever said that," said Hoddle.

"I did not say them things and at the end of the day I want to put that un record because it has hurt people," he added. "That is the last thing I want to do, and the most important thing is to tell people that and that is more important than any

This went significantly further than other comments since the row blew up on Saturday after an interview published in The Times.

Hoddle was reported as saying: You and I have been physically given two hands and two legs and half-decent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from anoth-

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are turning yellow - but they

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Coast" stretching four-and-a-

Over the next year, people

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er lifetime. I have nothing to hide about that. It is not only people with disabilities. What

you sow, you have to reap." Previously, Hoddle had only said that his comments had been "misconstrued, misun-

by the reporter Peter Stothard, editor of The Times, last night hit back, saying the paper stood by its story.



One man and his God

The man who believed too much Richard Williams Review Front

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"The reme as made by Glenn Hoddle to our reporter, Matt Dickinson, are clearly recorded in his notebook and they reflect comments made by Glenn Hoddle in other circumstances. I am amazed and appalled at Mr Hoddle's attempts at a denial."

The Prime Minister told ITV's This Morning programme that if Hoddle's views had been correctly recorded then it "would be very difficult for him to stay".

David Davies, acting chief

they think that in the past few

decades the 130ft chalk cliffs,

which inspired returning sold-

iers, pilots and Dame Vera

coloured. Some observers have

executive of the FA, said that no announcement on Hoddle's future would be made until this morning at the earliest. He said that a definitive statement would be made at lunchtime.

Hoddle's fate will be decided by five members of the FA's International Committee. The situation was not helped for the I'A, Or for Hoodile, by the recent departure of its chairman and chief executive over an unauthorised £3m loan to the Welsh FA. They were two of Hoddle's staunchest supporters.

The final decision could also be affected by the manoeuvring going on for the top job at the FA. Geoff Thompson, the acting chairman from Chesterfield, will lead the panel. He will by joined by Noel White, the committee chairman from Liverpool; David Davies; David Richards, the Sheffield Wednesday chairman; and David Sheepshanks, chairman of Ipswich.

The fact that the FA has started to take a pro-active stance on sport for the disabled is bound to be a factor in their thinking. If they need any encouragement, the universal condemnation from groups representing disabled people will provide it.

Neil Betteridge, projects manager for the Royal Associ-ation for Disability and Rehabilitation, was typically blunt. He said Hoddle was not fit to be the national coach. "Our view is that we don't believe it is acceptable for someone in his position to make remarks that are so grossly offensive to disabled people," he said.

One voice of support came from Eileen Drewery, the spiritual "healer" said by Hoddle to have given him many of his controversial views. Ms Drewery, whose husband is disabled, said she believed Hoddle had been treated "worse than Sad-

many diesel-powered ships or

even debris from construction

Clive Gilbert, environmental

policy officer at Kent County

Council, is less sure, however

"My favourite explanation is

of the Channel Tunnel.



Hoddle leaving home in Finchampstead, Berkshire, yesterday Austin Hargrave

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There'll be bluebirds over the yellowing cliffs of Dover

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THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S EX-WIFE ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

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CIA 'foil London terror mission'

A SUSPECTED leading member BY RUPERT CORNWELL of an Islamic terrorist group, believed to be behind the massacre of foreign tourists at Luxor in Egypt, in which six Britons died, is being held in

Uruguay confirmed in London last night, three people were ar- is suspected of being a prime rested at the border town of Chui on Friday as they were attempting to cross into Brazil, as the first stage of an alleged terror mission to London. The local police are believed to have been acting on a CIA tip-off.

The three were named as Hisham al-Tarabili Aka Bilal and his wife, Sahar Muhammad, an Egyptian couple trav-elling with their three children, and Mahammad Abu al-Nez, a Brazilian of Jordanian origin, who was assisting them with formalities at the border. The Egyptian family members were said to be carrying fake Brazilian passports originating in Paraguay. An international search is under way for two other men travelling with them

Uruguayan press reports said the arrests followed a CIA tip off to the Montevideo au- es-Salaam, in which 256 people thorities that members of the Egyptian militant group Al Gamaat al Islamiyyah were

Uruguayan police are said to have been congratulated by the American intelligence agency for foiling what is being called a "London Mission."

The woman and the Jordanian were released on Sunday, the Uruguayan newspaper El Pais said. But Mr Aka Bilal, who has requested an Egyptian

AND ELIZABETH NASH m Madrid

lawyer, was still being questioned, for a third consecutive day. Reputed to be an associate of the alleged terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden, he mover behind the Luxor massacre in November 1997.

He is also said to be wanted by the US in connection with the World Trade Center bombing in New York and the attacks last August on the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. According to the Uruguayan reports, both countries are seeking Mr Aka Bilal's extradition - although in the case of Egypt, no extradition treaty exists with Urnguay.
Mr bin Laden is the number

one global target of US intelligence. He is accused of a series of terrorist attacks in the last few years, including the 1996 truck hombing which killed 19 American soldiers in their barracks in Saudi Arabia in November 1996, and last summer's bombings of the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-

perts here are dubious it planned any major outrage. In contrast to France, Britain is regarded as a relatively safe haven for political opposition from the Arab world. For this reason, the experts argue, terrorists would be unwilling to do anything here which might provoke a crackdowu.



Leaf-cutter ants are part of a new display at the Natural History Museum in London. The creepy crawlies gallery re-opened after refurbishment

Brian Harris

Commons watchdog to quiz Mandelson

loan became public.

PETER MANDELSON is still By FRAN ABRAMS facing censure from the Commons watchdog over his £373,000 home loan from Geoffrey Robinson. Three com-plaints have been made about the former minister to the new Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Elizabeth Filkin.

It will fuel demands hy Labour MPs that the former trade and industry secretary should remain on the back from members of the public. benches for a lengthy period. It There was no word of what | Mr Mandelson saying he had the group intended to do in been reassured Commons lionaire, Linda Wachner. He he was sure Mr Mandelson ister the loan

In fact, no such judgement has been made. He has asked for advice and been told he should register the interest, which he has done but an investigation on whether he broke the rules is under way.

Mr Mandelson and Mr Robinson, who was paymaster-

LIGHTING UP

Westminster Correspondent general, resigned before Christmas when details of the Ms Filkin reports to MPs on

the Standards and Privileges Committee in two weeks on the complaints about the loan. One is from the shadow trade sec-Mr Mandelson should be punretary, John Redwood, and two The complaints also address

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> Mr Mandelson has also said the loan did not need to be reg- flights he received and why he a quarter of his annual salary istered because it was an did not think they were worth as a minister.

YESTERDAY

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arrangement between MPs. The Commons rules do not specifically mention such arrangements. In 1996 the then standards commissioner, Sir Gordon Downey, ruled that preferential treatment on loans to the Tory MP Roy Thomason should have been listed. MPs on the Standards and Privileges Committee will decide whether

ished and how severely. . Ms Filkin has said that she will also surprise many ob- the question of whether Mr. wants ordinary people to feel pression that he had been servers, because reports an Mandelson should have registribely can approach her about "cleared was the fault of mising MPs' conduct.

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"I also hope Mr Mandelson will explain how many other



Mandelson: His problems

spokesman for Mr Mandelson said the commissioner's inquiry was old news and the impression that he had been terpretation by the media. Last night Mr Redwood said . Mr Mandelson could have received more than £15,000 in sev-

> said last night. The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Stephen Byers, confirmed in a Commens written reply that under government rules his predecessor had received a pay-off of

are not over yet

declaring," he said. A the Cabinet, the Government murder of two other soldiers, Lance Bombardier Paul Garrett in 1993 and Thomas Johnston,

fences, possession of weapons and membership of the IRA.

McGinn accused of killing soldiers

THE MAN accused of murdering the British soldier Stephen Restorick at a south Armagh checkpoint was arrested after troops swooped on a nearby farm, a court heard yesterday. Bernard Michael McGinn. 11, was allegedly found hiding in a hayshed during a raid two

months after the murder of Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick, 23, in February 1997. McGinn, from Castleblaney in County Monaghan, appeared at Belfast Crown Court yesterday accused of murdering L/Bdr Restorick, from Peter-borough, Cambs, as he stood chatting to a motorist in the bor-McGinn is charged with 37 ter-

a former member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, in 1978. It took nearly 30 minutes to read out the charges, which included a string of explosives ofMcGinn appeared alongside three other south Armagh men, who are charged with conspiring to murder a person or persons unknown in April 1997. A fifth man is accused of providing a hayshed used in the al-

leged conspiracy.

John Creaney QC, for the prosecution, said the soldiers who arrested the men found a car which had been turned into an elaborate mobile firing platform. A cavity had been created in the rear in which a gunman could crouch inside was a Barrett rifle, an AK47, ammunition and car plugs. This and another car had been fitted der village of Bessbrook, with CB radios tuned to the same channel. Mr Creancy said that the men were intent on using the weapons to kill somebody. "These four were quite clearly guilty on the evidence of conspiring to murder persons or persons unknown," he said.

All five men deny the charges against them. The trial. which is expected to last six weeks, resumes today.

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OR SHINE... BITTER COLD killed seven more people in Romania, taking the total of deaths during the cold spell to 24, officials said yesterday. The victims included five homeless men in a country that has been blanketed with 2m (6ft 7in) of snow since Saturday with winds of more than 60mph causing huge drifts, which have led to the deaths of an additional 17 people in road accidents. Two people died of carbon monoxide poisoning from improvised



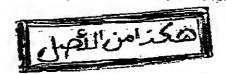


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High dudgeon after mid-air brawl leads to Ginn accused forced cilling soldiers landing

IT IS every air traveller's nightmare. A drunken passenger goes berserk on board a packed jet cruising at 35,000ft, attacking the stewardesses and threatening to kick open ooe of the aeroplane doors. An un-ported yesterday, 12 passenprecedented aviation disaster

is just seconds away. 'Air rage" – the descendant common, or at least a more reported, event. With drinks wide- , ly available, and long-haul flights cheaper than ever, there is growing concern about what is

Airlines in Britain have reported a 400 per cent increase in "air rage" attacks over the last three years. The Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday that there were 108 incidents involving disruptive passengers in

Even more alarming are the figures compiled by the police. They claim that two "medium-

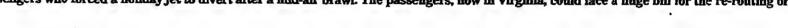
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sized" UK airlines recorded 1,190 incidents between them. In the latest incident, regers were thrown off an Airtours Boeing 767 heading for the Caribbean amid claims of a of "road rage" - is now a more mass mid-air brawl. The pilot was forced to make an un-

scheduled stop at a US airport. According to the airline, some of the 12, six men and six women on their "dream holiday", were drunk A fight broke man, who threw the drink, was out and the pilot was forced to

The passengers disagree. Irish-born Miles Connor, 35, who was one of the people ejected from the Jamaican-bound flight, said they had simply been enjoying a "old fashioned Irish sing-song" when another passenger threw a drink over him. "There wasn't even a fight. No





AIR RAGE: A SHORT HISTORY OF TROUBLE IN THE SKIES

year have included: FEBRUARY1998: Three British Airways stewardesses attacked by model Lorna Dow, 30, from Manchester, after she found a lavatory engaged on a flight to New York. She had been drinking champagne and cannabis tea. US police held her for three days.

Air rage incidents in the past

APRIL 1998: Businessman John Henson, 33, fined £6,700 after he threatened to kill the pilot and butt a passenger. He smashed a seat and indecently assaulted a stewardess on a BA flight from Gatwick to Orlando. The aircraft

was forced to divert to Boston amid safety fears,

OCTOBER 1998: Steven Handy banned for life from planes, trains and ferries after he attacked Airtours stewardess Fiona Weir when drunk on a fligh to Malaga. The stewardess, scarred for life. required 40 stitches in her head and arm.

NOVEMBER 1998: Former Stone Roses star lan Brown lailed after losing appeal against a four month sentence for threatening to chop off the hands of an air stewardess. The judge said he wanted to send a strong message to others who

indulged in "loutish behaviour" while airborne,

JANUARY 1999: Seven staff and passengers needed to overpower and handcuff 36-year-old man on BA flight from Johannesburg after he allegedly assaulted four crew members just one hour into the flight to Heathrow.

JANUARY 1999: BA forced to divert Bangkok bound Boeing 747 to Delhi after Lee Thresher punches out aircraft Inner window and bites woman's headphones in half. He had taken a mixture of





Ian Brown: jailed for threats

words were exchan they threw all 12 of us off, there were no blows, nothing. The biggest injustice is that the other allowed to carry on on the flight."

Fiona Weir: scarred for life

The airline vehemently disagree with the passengers' version of events. Captain David Parsons, the flight operations director for Airtours, said: "The supervisor tried to calm the situation, with the normal calming techniques we teach our crews, but it didn't work. She went to the captain and said, 'It's

divert, and he did just that, said

Last night Airtours was threatening legal action to try to recover some of the £15,000 to £20,000 it cost to divert the plane to Norfolk International Airport in Virginia. Airtours said it had also asked police at Gatwick to investigate the incident. Under the Air Navigation Order, offences allegedly committed in the air aboard a Britishregistered aircraft fall within the jurisdiction of British police to

investigate. The passengers had

punches were thrown, just a few getting quite frightening, can you been bauned for life from flying spirited. They had quite a few air stewardess with a vodka Government to bring in tougher with Airtours.

> their holiday - but they have also been refused seats on two flights out of America, according to police at Norfolk sirport. Another passenger, Francis Coyle, said the trouble started when a man passed a remark about another passenger's wife and a drink was thrown. There were no punches. There was shouting and a drink was thrown. But there was no fight-

"Everybody was a bit high-

Motor Manufacturers and

Traders argued that the dis-

time it takes to develop and pro-

duce cars, manufacturers have

high value of the pound.

The 12 have now abandoned

drinks. They were tipsy, but not really drunk. I got up and told them to sit down and they did. About half-an-hour later, we were told the plane was going to be diverted. It was nothing to do with the rest of us. I am going to take legal action over this. I am stuck here in Virginia. My wife is in tears. We have not done

Yesterday airlines and police chiefs held the first of a series of meetings set up by the Government in November after a drunken passenger slashed an

anything."

flight to Malaga.

John Reid, the Transport minister, said he was pressing other countries to follow the UK and bring in laws allowing them to take action against offenders on board foreign-owned planes. He said airlines and police forces had agreed to collect data on "air rage" incidents to measure the scale of the problems and detect trends.

The airline industry criticised the decision not to take action in America and called on the UK re-routing a flight."

sentences for people who put fel low passengers in danger. But it backed away from calling for a ban on the sale of alcohol on board, saying this would hit the "99.9 per cent" of passengers who caused no trouble.

Howard Davies, director-general of the British Air Transport Association, said: "We are looking to Government for much stricter penalties and we would be looking for automatic compensation to airlines for the inconvenience caused by

Cars cost 50 per cent more in Britain

COST OF CARS IN BRITAIN

BRITISH CONSUMERS are paying up to 50 per cent more for popular makes of car than their European counterparts, ac-prices in expensive markets. In cording to an official EU survey. The research showed the

UK is the most expensive place to buy 57 of the 76 best-selling models - including some Rovers - although the differentials have decreased since last year, when a Commission study showed that 60 of 74 cars cost more in Britain.

An EU statement on the motor trade, published yesterday, concedes that price differentials have narrowed because of currency movements and efforts on the part of manufacturers. But it adds: "There are indications that many car producers increased prices in so-called cheap markets rather than reducing

BY STEPHEN CASTLE in Brussels

such cases, the benefits to consumers seem at least ques-

A spokesman added: "Some moves have started in the UK to cut prices. This is a good development to take away some of the windfalls. These are measures in the right direction but prices in high-price markets should be cut."

The Commission's survey is based on data given by producers, although actual retail prices often differ from recommended list prices. Nevertheless, it outlines dramatic differences throughout the EU. with the UK consistently at or near the top of the price league.

From cheapest European country Rover 214 51.9% France Alfa Romeo 145 45 3% Soain Netherlands Flat Bravo 45.0% Portugal 43.1% Rover 620 41.2% Sweden 39.8% Mazda Demk Fiat Marea 38.7% Ireland 37.6% Mazda 323 Daihatsu Gran Move 37.3% Denmark Alfa Romeo 156

bought in the UK costs more Spain, the Netberlands and than half as much again as the same model purchased in France; an Alfa Romeo 145 costs 45 per cent more than the same car bought in Spain.

Mitsubishi Colt

At the other end of the scale, the cheapest car prices in the For example, a Rover 214 EU are generally in Portugal,

36.9% 35.9% Italy

> Sweden. In only one case - the BMW 735i - was Britain the cheapest marketplace. That makes it "attractive for consumers - and in particular UK residents - to buy a car abroad", the Commission says.

to budget in advance and are therefore vulnerable to exchange-rate movements, the society says.

A spokesman for the organisation added: "Currency differentials explain the difference

in price. "We have seen the gap has narrowed; what we need to see is the pound weakening still further to achieve parity". But a European Commission official blamed pricing strate-

gies too, and argued that manufacturers' "windfalls" from beneficial currency movements were not being passed on to Yesterday the Society of consumers Consumers' rights figures.

British market is particularly vulnerable to high pricing becrepancies were based on the cause UK motorists need right-Because of the length of hand drive cars, which are not freely available in the rest of the EU. Brussels has sought to put pressure on manufacturers to supply right-hand drive cars on demand. The Commission, which says it has received many complaints from Britain, has no firm figures on the num-

ber of cross-border transac-

campaigners argue that the

Questioned yesterday, an official quoted estimates of 200,000 to 250,000 purchases a year, only 10,000 of which were from private buyers. The advent of the euro, which should make comparisons easier in the 11 participating member-states, is expected to increase these

Racehorse owner held as drugs ring suspect

A SUCCESSFUL racehorse By JASON BENNETTO owner was among 10 people arrested yesterday as part of a suspected international cocaine smuggling ring worth millions

of pounds. Detectives seized 169kg of cocaine, with a street value of £12m, at a house in Ostend, Beljum, which was thought to have been destined for Britain.

Graham Piper was arrested yesterday at his home in Wen-Buckinghamshire, where he and his wife own a number of racehorses including the highly rated Nipper Reed Detectives spent yesterday Crime Correspondent

searching their farm for docu-

ments and papers. The raid was pert of an international two-year inquiry codenamed Operation Pierrot. Police believe the operation, organised by the National Crime

of Britain's biggest drug gangs. "The operation has dismantled what had been identified by the National Criminal Intelligence Service as one of the major drug trafficking organisations within the UK and will hopefully lead to the confisca- searched at Wendover, Runtion of assets in excess of £3m," police said in a statement.

Detectives were investigating a number of suspected cocaine and cannabis smuggling networks that brought drugs into Britain from South Amer-

ica and Morocco via Europe. As part of the inquiry six people were arrested on Sunday Squad (NCS), has broken up one evening - although details were only released yesterday - at Heathrow airport and other locations throughout the South-

east of England. Five men and one woman

well. Wickford and Clayhill, in Essex; and Bushey and Watford in Hertfordshire. The six were being questioned yesterday.

The eight-year-old Nipper Reed is considered a contender for the Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase at the Cheltenham Festival next month.

The raids followed the seizure of 169kg of cocaine in Ostend on Sunday by the Belgium gendamerie on behalf of the NCS. A Belgian man was ar-

rested during the raid. Four more people were arwere arrested and premises rested yesterday as part of the operation with law enforcement

operation; a man and a woman after the discovery of cannabis plants and cocaine during the on-going search at a house in Runwell, Essex, and two men at Newcastle airport, where

one is believed to have been

from mainland Europe. The operations also included work carried out by the NCS and Customs and Excise.

Detective Chief Inspector Peter Spindler, of the NCS, said: "The success results from the work of our highly professional staff, and from close cocolleagues in this country and in Europe."

A spokesman added: "This is the largest single cocaine seizure by the NCS since its inception in April last year"

John Abbott, director-

general of the criminal intelliwaiting for the other to arrive gence service, said: "The operation was an excellent example of intelligence-led policing reaping major dividends. Substantial tactical intelligence from NCIS, with the operational capabilities of our partner organisations, resulted in the seizure of a huge quan-



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Dangerous precedent is set on pay

THE SHAPE of yesterday's BY ANDREW GRICE public-sector pay awards was decided long before the Cabinet sat down to approve them last

When Frank Dobson, Sec-retary of State for Health, addressed the Royal College of Nursing annual conference in April last year; be hoped that the 1999 wage deal for the nurses would be paid in one go rather than phased in to reduce its overall value.

His speech raised Treasury hackles but he had not meant to "bounce" the Cabinet or announce policy on the hoof

However, some quick "spinning" by the Royal College of Nursing press office converted his aspiration into a firm

pledge. There was no turning back. Mr Dobson did not have to threaten to resign to ensure this year's awards were paid in full from April for the first time

But he would have felt honour-bound to quit if they had been phased in. Mr Dobson is one of the Cabinet's unexpected stars, despite holding one of its most difficult jobs.

Although he could savour yesterday's good news for newly qualified nurses, be is not out of the woods yet over Labour'a ambitious election pledge to cut NHS waiting-lists

impossible to stage the mirses as David Bhankett, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment, argued that the Government could not discriminate against groups such

So by the time the Cabinet met last week, Gordon Brown, the Chancellor was resigned to paying the recommendations of the five review bodies in full-Making a virtue out of necessity, he described them as "affordable and right".

Although Downing Street claimed that the Bank of Eng- rise announced yesterday, the land's monetary policy committee would be relaxed about



generous package is bound to dition of reduci leave the self-styled Iron Chan-sector wage bill sector wage bill by staging the for the Government to put the genie back in the battle. When next year a public pay settlement takes effect, we could be 12 months away from

the next general election. Although Mr Brown is adept at conjuring up extra cash, the danger is that public-sector pay will soak up much of the money earmarked for improv-

ing frontline services. Ministers hope to square the circle by moving towards a radical overhaul of the way the public sector pays its staff. Moves towards performance related pay for teachers, bitterly opposed by their trade unions, will be followed soon by similar proposals for the National Health Service.

system of rigid pay structures based on length of service

rather than performance. This will prove a bitter pill for health workers to swallow, and could even produce the most serious conflict between the trade unions and the Government in the lifetime of this

It will not prove easy for ministers to "divide and rule", as shown by yesterday's criticism of the big differential between the pay rise for head teachers and classroom feachers

The Tories tried to "decentralise" NHS pay by introduc-ing local bargaining but backed off in the face of strong oppo-sition. So Labour will need

THE PRIMARY TEACHER

But there is no doubt that Tony Blair intends to grasp. the nettle. In a speech last week, billed by Downing Street as praising the dedication of public-sector employees, he warned that the Government may need to slaughter some "sacred cows".

He asked: "Do we need greater differentials within the public sector? Should we decentralise pay more? What are the lessons of performance pay and where else should we be using it?" Mr Blair already knows the answers, but whether the unions will accept them is quite another matter.

£70m extra needed for teachers

EDUCATION

CLASS SIZES will rise and teachers will be sacked unless the Government finds another £70m for teachers' pay, local an-

thority leaders said last night. Ministers retorted that this year's increase in the amount councils are allowed to spend -5.7 per cent - would more than cover the hill.

Graham Lane, chairman of the Local Government Association's education committee, said it was demanding a meeting with ministers to ask for the extra money. "We will be meeting ministers soon and pressing them to use some of the ates to enter the profession." £1hn which has been put aside for restructuring the whole of terchers' pay to avert a cash crisis for education authori-

But senior government sources said; "Local authorities tary of State for Education and have been given £1.1bn extra Employment] goes around this year. The cost of this set year going about how much be a tlement is less than half that, puts into education, but not extra money. There is another a much of it is reaching local au-£160m on top of that to reduce thorities and schools class sizes."

by 3.6 per cent. The pay of a related pay to be implemented newly qualified graduate out- next year would "make the side London will rise from teaching profession better paid From September the head teacher of a typical small primary school will receive performance and assessment".

BY JUDITH JUDD AND BEN RUSSELL

£33,552, up from £30,651, and the head of a large secondary will earn £57,570 compared with £54,552 now.

Secondary school head teachers will be able to earn up to £70,000 but all head teachers' pay will be more closely linked to performance.

The Liberal Democrat education spokesman, Don Foster, said: "This award will not help. keep good teachers, let alone persuade keen young gradu-

The Conservative education spokesman, David Willetts. added: "We welcome this settlement, but we need to be clear about how it is funded. "David Blunkett [the Secre-

The overall pay bill will go up Green Paper on performanceopportunity of initial increases of up to 10 per cent based on

THE PRIMARY HEAD

Sheila Wainwright Twenty-two years' experience as a head teacher has brought Sheila Walnwright a salary of £30,000 a year. The pay deal will add

anything from £1,800 to £2,700. Mrs Wainwright, who is responsible for 1.5 staff and 180 children at St John's Church of England Primary. School in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, is pleased with the rise announced yesterday and hopes it will herald a decent pay rise for classroom

"The increase is most welcome, and we have to see It hopefully as a first step towards increasing rewards for the whole profession. Recently pay has not acknowledged the increase in responsibility we have as heads... the increase in responsibility in the past five years has been astonishing. It is hard to say what is going to happen, but we are going to have make many more decisions about performance-related pay in

"Head teachers deserve a reward. We need to acknowledge that heads have a tremendous workload."

turers, said: "They will see this

against the background of an in-

adequate pay award, which

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Union leaders attacked the goes projects hittle to some

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retary of the Secondary Heads Teachers, insisted that "teach-more likely while the Governis new system or every teacher every year that raises major the problems caused by short-

eto ages in classroom staff. . "That campaign could lead to direct action on class sizes, on cover for absences and on

vent," he said.

Doug McAvoy, general section becomes

Tobin Dunford, general section becomes bring home to the Government

Ralph Surman, 34. Is not Impressed by the 3.5 per cent pay award to classroom teachers. He has been working at Cantrell Primary School In Nottingham for 12 years, and stands to gain £770 on top of the £22,000-a-year salary that is the average for primary school staff.

People will be disappointed," he said. "They will think that a courageous government would have put its hands in its pockets and given teachers what they deserve to close the gap with similar jobs. I don't think this bodes well for teachers in the classroom, who are raising standards across the country.

He does not begrudge heads their rise, but fears ministers are placating school managers to smooth the introduction of performance-related pay. "I think people will see a link with the Green Paper on pay and conditions. I wonder whether this is a settlement by which the Government will bring in performance-related pay by buying head teachers off."

However, David Hart, general secretary of the National

"Those who criticise the pay

Association of Head Teachers,

welcomed the announcement.

award to heads are disingenu-

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Nurses get biggest rise in a decade

HEALTH

IT WAS the biggest pay rise for nurses for 10 years, according to Frank Dobson - but they

were still beaten by the doctors. Overall, most nurses (about 300,000) were awarded increates of 4.7 per cent, as expected with the biggest rises of 12 per cent going to 27,000 newly qualified staff - taking the minimum starting salary to £14,400. A further 70,000 of the lowest paid received rises of 8.2

But general practitioners did better with a rise of 3.5 per cent this year plus a further 4 per cent held over from last year, giving an overall rise of 7.65 per cent, equivalent to a cash increase of £4,245. From In inner London the starting 1 April, full-time GPs will earn pay for all newly qualified murs-

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£59,715 on average and the highest-paid consultant with an A-plus distinction award £120,130 compared with the highest-paid nurse who will earn £29,485. All the rises are to be paid in full, as recommended by the pay review bodies, without staging.

The biggest gainers are the 5,000 newly qualified nurses in the capital who benefit, in addition to the 12 per cent rise, from a 15.4 per cent hike in the London allowance. It is the first such rise in five years, taking it to £2,205 in the inner city.

es will be £17,325, compared **Health Editor** with the current figure of

had been beavily trailed and contained few surprises, drew a subdued response from the unious and a warning from NHS managers that the rises Christine Hancock, general

secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, said the increase in starting salaries was welcome but "4.7 per cent simply isn't going to be enough to keep these experienced and highly skilled women and men in the The British Medical Associ-

ation accused Mr Dobson of re-jecting a central plank of the doctors' pay review body report, which called for an extra £50m to be paid to consultants in 2000-2001 to compensate them for a rising workload

Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the BMA said: "It is totally unacceptable that this recommendation has not been accepted by the Government Senior hospital doctors will feel a deep sense of betrayal." Mr Dobson announced that

£100m would be transferred to health authorities from the Elbn NHS Modernisation Fund of which about £350m is remaining after spending on cutting waiting lists and setting up in new buildings, new equip-Primary Care Groups - to help ment and new ways of working." to pay for the increases. He said he said. there had always been an ele-

ernise the service. included in the three-year pected developments in the £21bn settlement for staffing re-



THE NURSES

Monica Hirst, 36, (left) community staff norse in Parkside, north-west London, on E grade. Qualified in 1985. Salary (before the rise) ... £16,312.

The 12 per cent should have been paid across the board. A rise of 4.7 per cent will do nothing to retain nurses like me. I am considering leaving. I have looked at care work in social services and the voluntary sector, which is better paid, and I wouldn't have to work weekends or unsocial hours.

"It is such a shame. I like nursing. I go to people's homes doing dressings and giving injections - whatever nursing they need . But as a single parent with a daughter and a mortgage I can't afford to live on the salary. It is very hard meeting those payments on the house and car.

Nora Pearce, 50, (right) midwifery vister, Kingston Hospital, London, o G grade: Qualified in 1985. Salary (before the rise) £19,775.

I am absolutely delighted at the big rise for newly qualified nurses. We need to get the girls in and they need a decent salary when they get their degree. But It will do nothing to retain the girls who have been qualified 15 or 20 years and who are senior staff nurses at the rop of E grade. They are the backbone of the NHS and they are taken for granted.

"I am married with four grown-up children. I am not poor but I feel badly paid for what I do. When I compare the responsibility I have with that of people who are better paid, that's when I feel aggrieved. If I have a bad hair day, someone is going to die."

However, the NHS Confedment in the fund for uprating eration, representing NHS pay and claimed this would trusts and health anthorities, innot jeopardise plans to mod-sisted that the rises could not be met, even with the extra "There is sufficient money £100m, without scaling down ex-

quirements and for investment The Confederation cal-

culated that next year's historically generous 6.6 per cent cash increase for health authorities would be 1.2 points short of the total needed to meet the cost of this year's pay award, the full-year cost of last year's staged award and other centrally imposed measures such as the modernisation of

Union working time directives. Stephen Thornton, chief executive, said: "The pay in-creases are sensible and will improve recruitment. But for cer and heart disease services that have been trumpeted by the Government we will have to wait another year. It is going to mental health services and be a tough year for the NHS compliance with European next year."

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CIVIL SERVICE

A HANDFUL of Britain's most senior civil servants will receive a pay increase of 10.5 per cent as the Government moves to reward high-flyers. But leaders of the civil servants' union declared their disappointment yesterday at a pay award that fails to guarantee an increase

in salary. While the highest and lowest salaries for each of the civil service grades will increase by 2.8 per cent, any movement within the scale will depend entirely on performance. It is recommended that the "truly exceptional" should rocket from the bottom to the top of their salary

Yesterday's award, under the recommendations of the senior salaries review body, will mean that the top and bottom salaries for grade ones, the old rank of istant secretary, will go up from £40,418 to £41,550 and £63,492 to £65,270 respectively. The minimum for the 35 permanent secretaries, the most senior civil servants, will rise from £95,719 to £98,400 and the maximum from £164,318 to £168,910.

Jonathan Baume, general secretary of the First Division Association, the union for senior. civil servants, urged ministers to review the whole system of productivity-related salaries. "It is hard to understand and demotivates staff," said Mr Baume, "There is a hard lesson here for other public-sector workers facing performance

Paul Noone, general secre-tary elect of the IPMS union, which represents scientists and BY BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

other specialists, pointed out that senior officials were receiving the lowest award so far announced for public servants. "It makes no sense to discriminate against the very people who are charged with implementing the Government's agenda for modernising public

services," he said. MPs and junior ministers will receive an automatic 2.8 per cent plus a further 1.5 per cent left over from staged awards in

Judges' salaries will rise by 8.5 per cent, which also includes increases left over from last year. The salary range will move from 270,820-£148,502 to £74,464-

£157,511. Lower ranks in the armed forces are to receive marginally better treatment on pay than their superiors. While majorgenerals and above will have to prove their worth to enjoy a pay increase, privates and lieu-tenants will receive an automatic rise of 3.6 per cent and 3.7 imum for privates will increase from £10,700 to £11,111 and Beutenants from £29,000 to £20,800. The maximum salary for a full general, an air chief marshal and an admiral will rise by 3.3 per from £107,600 to £111,200. The minimum of £95,000 will stay

George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, said the salary costs of £210m would

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der spoke of a "friendly

woman, keen to care for chil-

dren. The court heard testi-

Nadine Radford QC, for the

Justice Mitchell, to consider

other expert evidence, which

suggested that Caroline's in-

juries could have been caused

by shaking in a manner not as

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Louise Sullivan and a woman believed to be her mother leaving the Old Bailey yesterday

Baby case mother flees court in tears

THE AUSTRALIAN DAILING Who BY ANDREW BUNCOMBE has admitted shaking to death a baby in her care used the outdated "shake and shout" method of dealing with a convulsive child because she lacked the ability to stop and think, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Louise Sullivan, 27, has a below-average IQ of 81, which makes it difficult for her to deal with problems in a flexible way, a forensic psychologist, Sarah Henley, told the court. Sullivan had wrongly thought that the baby, Caroline Jongen, was having a fit while feeding and reacted according to the way she had been taught at college in Australia

Ms Henley said Sullivan was unable to adapt to new skills. "The [psychological] tests would suggest she would deal with it in the way she had been taught," she said.

She would certainly lack the ability to stop and think" Ms Jongen, ran sobbing from the

Henley said the IQ put Sullivan "at the bottom end of the lowaverage range of intellectual

Ms Henley, a defence witness, said she had tested Sullivan on three occasions.

She said: "Miss Sullivan functions in a very concrete, rigid way. It is particularly related to judgement and particularly to an inability to be The evidence came during a

hearing to sentence Sullivan, 27, who two weeks ago admitted shaking Caroline to death last April while working as a namy at the Jongens' north London

She pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and has been warned she faces a prison

Caroline's mother, Muriel

courtroom after she heard from a osychiatrist that Sullivan still dreams of the infant, who died aged six months.

mony by video link from an Dr Henry Kennedy, a con-Australian journalist, Marnie sultant psychiatrist and member of the Royal College of Lonsdale, who said that she Psychiatrists, who interviewed had employed Sullivan for Sullivan five times, told the nine months with no probcourt: "She told me not a day lems. "She was a good namy but needed direction," Ms goes by when she does not remember baby Caroline. She Lonsdale said. thinks of what Caroline would defence, asked the judge, Mr be doing now if she was still

"She dreams about the baby and describes the dreams as distinctly dramatic and upsetting. She finds this emotionally comforting.

"This is a very common phenomenon among people who are going through the loss of meone who they're very fond of Her expressions of grief and remorse are genuine.

she be sent to prison. A series of character wit-Sullivan was freed on bail to nesses who had employed Sul-

Menopause may soon be postponed

SCIENTISTS MAY soon be able to delay the onset of the menopause by turning off the body's genetic "switch" responsible for bringing about the change of life in middleaged women.

The research has important implications for understanding the damaging side-effects of the menopause, which is caused when a woman's ovaries go into decline and stop producing female hor-

Researchers have extended the working life of ovaries in a trols the gradual destruction of follicle egg cells in the two ovaries. Jonathan Tilly, who led the research team at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, said the understanding of what controls the menopause has "major implications" for women.

"This will have enormous impact in terms of understanding the changes in women's health associated with

"It is a little premature to talk about the applications of the research to humans but for the first time we now have an animal model that may allow us to extend the lifetime of ovaries in humans." The research is published in the journal Nature

Menopause usually occurs between the ages of 45 and 55 and involves a gradual reduction in the levels of the hormones progesterone and oestrogen, which can lead to the dilation of blood vessels as well as having direct effects on the

nervous system. Women can experience mood swings, loss of libido, anxiety and depression as well as suffering physical symptoms such as osteoporosis (brittle-bone disease), headaches, "hot flushes" and an increased risk of heart disease.

BY STEVE CONNOR Science Editor

Dr Tilly said that if the stud ies on mice can lead to a method of delaying menopause by interfering with the body's genetic switch, it would provide a more natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy.

"The problem with HRT is that we can never quite replicate what the body does naturally. This new approach would in effect be a natural hormonereplacement therapy, because the ovaries keep on functionstrain of laboratory mouse that ing." Another area of interest had one of its genes deleted. would be to understand what The "bax" gene normally con- happens in women who experience premature menopa in their twenties or thirties, he

> Menopause is characterised by the exhaustion of the finite number of egg cells a woman is endowed with at birth and uses during the course of her reproductive life.

Dr Tilly and his colleagues were able to show that they can prevent the process of "cell suicide" within the ovary, which normally results in the destruction of egg cells and with them the loss of hormone production. Mice with the genetic switch destroyed continued to have viable ovaries with healthy egg cells well into old age, when they usually suffer a deterioration of ovary tissue that is similar although not identical to what happens in the

human menopause. The scientists found that the old mice which still had functioning ovaries showed signs of retaining many of the faculties that deteriorate in normal females, although tests on bone, heart muscle and brain tissues have yet to prove

this, Dr Tilly said. However, when the older females with rejuvenated ovaries were put in cages with males, they did not become pregnant, showing that fertility is not retained, he added.

Big car safety in a small car

Rescued climber risks amputation

A CLIMBER who was rescued By KATE WATSON-SMYTH after spending five days trapped on a mountain in temperatures down to minus 60C must wait at least a week to find out if his fingers and toes will have to be amoutated.

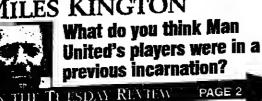
Jamie Andrew, 29, from Edinburgh, who was plucked off a ridge on Les Droites, near the French resort of Chamonix on Sunday, is in hospital with severe frostbite. The body of his friend Jamie Fisher, 28, was due

A spokesman for Chamonix hospital said Mr Andrew's condition was stable. "He will stay here for at least a week." Mr Fisher's mother, Pam

said yesterday that her son had died doing what he loved. She praised the rescuers who tried to save him and said she was relieved that Mr An-

drew had survived. The two climbers were exto be returned to Britain today. perienced and well-equipped.

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Met ready to 'take beating on Lawrence'

THE METROPOLITAN Police is prepared to "take a beating" when the report of the Stepben Lawrence inquiry is published this month, John Grieve, the senior Scotland Yard officer in charge of investigating racially motivated crime, said yesterday.

He acknowledged that serious mistakes were made in the investigation of Stephen's murder by a white racist gang

Asked whether he believed there was institutional racism in the force, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Grieve told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "There are wider issues for society here.

We are not going to hide behind other people's racism; we will take our beating in the next couple of weeks, as we ought to do. But somebody ought to look seriously at the spiritual sickness in society."

Mr Grieve is head of the Metropolitan Police's racial and violent crimes taskforce. His readiness to accept the harsh criticisms expected in Sir William Macpherson of Cluny's report was in marked contrast to the attitude of the main police organisations, which have launched concerted attacks on the credibility of the inquiry over the past week.

The Police Federation, which represents the lower ranks, and the Police Superintendents' Association, which speaks for senior officers, accused the inquiry team of being bostile to the police and



Grieve: Expects criticism

stitutional racism. Federation officials claimed that the inquiry had failed to give police witnesses a fair hearing. Chief Superintendent Peter Gammon, of the Police Superintendents' Association, said it bad vilified police. "Accusations of racism are still being levelled at officers involved and at the police service as a whole," Mr Gammon said last

Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner, denied that there was institutional racism in the Metropolitan Police when he gave evidence to the in-

Mr Grieve side-stepped the issue yesterday, saying that move on. We are looking at the inquiry had heard 15 different definitions of institutional racism. "My Commissioner has said, 'Yes, we have got racism, yes, we have got racists, yes, some of our policies are downright discriminatory'," he said.

"The Commissioner's poobsessed with identifying in- sition is: what is he being now."

When someone tightens up the definition for us, when someone tells us ... what concrete steps we should be taking, then we can have a look at what we are doing."

Asked for his own definition. Mr Grieve quoted a line from a poem by a black writer. Andrea Cook: "It's in the way you choose, the way we lose."

No one has been convicted of Stephen's murder, and all but one of the senior officers who carried out the investigation are now retired.

Mr Grieve, a former head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said lessons had been learnt from the case. His own taskforce had arrested 400 people for racially motivated crime since it was set up last July.

We are trying to make London and indeed the country a hostile environment for racists," he said. "All of us can't spend all of our time looking back and serially apologising for what happened in

We have moved to repair the issues. We have apologised to the family. Doreen and Neville Lawrence (Step hen's parents] have done wonderful things for the country and for our communities here in London. But we have to new ways of dealing with these kinds of crimes.

Asked if he appreciated that people wanted to see the officers responsible for the case brought to account, Mr Grieve replied, cryptically: "Yes, and I am looking at that



Driver loses race harassment case

A BLACK motorist who claimed he was stopped by police 34 times in two years because of his colour lost his court claim of racial harassment yesterday.

Carl Josephs, 27, a butcher, made British legal history when he sued the West Midlands police force for racial harassment, false imprisonment and unlawful arrest. Police had oever before been sued for racial harassment in a civil

But a jury at a County Court in Birmingham rejected his claims that he was persecuted

BY DAMIEN PEARSE

by officers from the West Midland force who be said conspired against him between autumn 1994 and November 1996. A panel of four men and four women deliberated for nearly ten hours before reaching their decision. The jurors are still to decide damages on one case of unlawful arrest which Judge Richard Wakerley directed them to find for the

Mr Josephs, 27, of Bromford Bridge, Birmingham, who has

no previous convictions and a clean driving licence, claimed be was stopped 34 times in his distinctive red Metro car with the words One Love on the side and a Jamaican flag draped on

West Midlands Police denied all the allegations,

Mr Josephs was awarded £1,000 for unlawful arrest, which took place in September 1996. The amount was decided after an agreement between counsel for the defendant and the plaintiff.

The damages were awarded

at the end of an 11-day hearing that was given evidence by more than a dozen officers based at police stations in the north of Birmingham. ice stations The court was told Mr

Josephs began to get stopped after making a complaint against police in 1992 for which

be was awarded £250 compen-sation. He told the jury that he was stopped on many occasions without legitimate reason, and on one occasion police had threatened to plant drugs in his car he claimed. He said he was to the community." He said he

to work because of the amount of times he was being asked to produce his documents at po-

A doctor told the jury that Mr Josephs had suffered from stress as a result of the stops and eventually needed to take sleeping pills.

After the case Mr Josephs said: "I'm very disappointed and to be honest, quite surprised. I personally think it sends out the wrong message eventually forced to leave his was considering an appeal.

GNER refuses to buy trains until it wins franchise deal

THE COMPANY that runs BY PHILIP THORNTON Britain's longest stretch of high-speed railway provoked an outcry yesterday by saying it would not pay for new trains to relieve overcrowding unless the Government extended its seven-year franchise.

Great North Eastern Railway (GNER), which operates the East Coast main line between London and Scotland, said it had asked ministers to extend its right to run trains for another eight years in exchange for buying up to 10 more tilting trains and building three new stations.

It said the new stock would hut warned that, without the new stock, it would only grow by 5 per cent. GNER said it had been the victim of its own success, running more trains and attracting 18 per cent more passengers since it took over an angry response from a senior

Transport Correspondent

the line in 1996, GNER, part of the Sea Containers group, said its franchise should also be extended to show poorly performing rivals such as Virgin bow to run a railway properly.

Christopher Garnett, GNER chief executive, said: "We are looking to bring in eight or 10 tilting trains. That's what the route needs to deal with the capacity problems but that only deals with today's problems." He said if the franchise was

not extended the company allow it to carry 25 per cent would not fulfil a promise issued more people within four years in September 1997 to buy two would not fulfil a promise issued new tilting trains. He said GNER had underestimated the cost of upgrading the track to take the trains and it would be uneconomic for only two.

GNER's comments provoked



Labour backbencher Andrew Bennett, a member of the Commons Transport Select Committee, said GNER knew the position when it accepted the franchise. "If they don't deliver what they promised then they

should lose their contract." He said GNER'a bid was an "outright cheek" as privatisation had so far ensured that shareholders got "the caviar and cream" while passengers suf-fered overcrowding.

Save Our Railways, a pres-sure group, said more passen-gers made the need for new trains more urgent. "Sea Containers have broken all the promises they have made to passengers about new trains and the inevitable result is more overcrowding. Now that overcrowding is being used to

try to blackmail the Government to extend the franchise." But Mr Garnett said GNER

had invested £40m against a

franchise promise of £22m adding: "We are spending phenomenal amounts of money."

Mr Garnett blamed poor performance by other train companies for bringing the industry into disrepute. "We have the best level of service of any train company. One of the ways to raise standards is to give GNER an extension to say to other companies - 'if you had their levels of service then your franchise would be extended'."

Rapists increase use of drugs on victims

attackers are being investigated for using so called "date rape" drugs to intoxicate their victims before assaulting them.

The number of reports of sex assaults committed under the influence of drugs such as Rohypnol and "GBH" has risen rapidly in the past couple of years. The police and Home Office are to carry out a 12-month national study to investigate the extent of the problem.

The Scotland Yard detectives heading the inquiry have already obtained information about "three or four" men who have been accused of drugging women and then raping and sexually assaulting them. A police spokeswoman would not give any details of the inquiries except to say they were throughout Britain. "There are three or four cases in various

stages of investigation," she In London the number of alleged sex crimes in which men have been suspected of using drugs to disarm their victims have risen from 18 in 1997 to 49 in the first nine months of last

UP TO four suspected serial sex By JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

The results, bowever, have all been negative and detectives believe the increase could be due to a rise in public concern and awareness.

The issue of "date rape" drugs, particularly the sub-stance Rohypnol, has caused growing concern since sex offenders in the United States started using them. There are about 1,000 known cases in the US that involve assaults on

women, men and children. The drugs are usually secretly placed into a victim's drink in tablet or liquid form. In the case of Rohypnol a woman would become semi-conscious for about 10 to 12 hours

Once the effects have worn off the victim may have blackouts and flashbacks for several hours or days before they can emember what happened. Unfortunately, the drug stays in the blood stream for no more than 48 hours and in the urine for 72, making it extremely hard to detect unless tests are carried out shortly after the assault. Rohypnol was made a class C drug last year and is now only legally available on prescription, although it can be bought on the black market.

The anaesthetic drug GHB
- nicknamed GBH (grievous bodily harm) - which has also been used in rapes, stays in the body for only eight bours. Benzodiazepines - minor tranquillisers - such as Temazepam have also been used in "date rapes" in the United States.

Detective Superintendent Chris Brightmore, one of the two officers involved in the research, said they would be questioning sex offenders, including paedophiles, in prisons to discover whether the drugs were used. He would also like rape victims who believe they were drugged to contact the

Inspector Peter Sturman added: "Over the last two years there has been growing public concern about the possible use of drugs in order to commit rape and other sexual offences:

We share these concerns and this new study aims to establish more fully the nature and scale of any drug misuse of

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University opens Far East branch

ONE OF Britain's leading uni-versities is to become the first to Education Corresp open a campus in the Far East. Academics hope the University of Nottingham in Malaysia will open in Kuala Lumpur next year. They expect the university to attract 2,500

students within five years.

Senior figures from Not-tingham were in the Malaysian capital last week for a formal ceremony inviting them to submit plans for the new university, to be established in the city's former National Art Gallery. The £18m venture will specialise in management and business, electrical and electronic engineering and computer science - all subjects popular with overseas students studying in Britain.

It is promising "a highquality campus environment in keeping with the ethos and tradition of the University of Nottingham as a leading international university".

Education Correspondent

Academic staff will be recruited in the Far East, but the university hopes to attract a number of lecturers from the East Midlands. Students will have computer links to the campus in England and British undergraduates will be able to

spend part of their course studying in Kuala Lumpur. The venture is part of a growing trend towards aelling British education overseas. A string of universities already runs courses abroad under

Nottingham alumni include Malaysia's supreme head of state, Ja'afar ibni Abdul Rahman, and its minister of education, Najih Tun Razak. A former supreme head of state and former defence and science ministers are also graduates.

East, Harrow School opened a branch in Bangkok last year. Dulwich College, south London, which counts P G Wodehouse and Raymond Chandler among its old boys, has gone as far as to build a replica of its build-ings on the Thai island of

Phuket Figures from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) published last week showed a 50 per cent fall in applications from Malaysian students, a consequence of the Asian economic turmoil of the past year.

But Keith Jones, the regis trar of the University of Nottingham, said there was demand for the new institution as part of efforts to build Malaysian higher education and establish the nation as a regional centre of excellence.

Fees at the new university will vary between subjects, but English schools have also are expected to be roughly half seen the potential of the Far those charged to foreign stu-

dents studying in Britain. Mr Jones said: "It will be the first time a British university has operated in this way.

"It will be a campus in Malaysia but it will be an integral part of Nottingham." John Nance, an expert on

international education at the British Council, said: "This is the partnership of the future. These countries will probably send fewer students here in the future. They will be looking more and more for education at home. In south-east and eastern Asia, academic excellence is a god. It's essential for students to get a first degree at least and probably a second or a PhD.

"Britain has very, very long-standing relationships with this part of the world and our universities have a record of recruiting students, but we can't look to our laurels because the United States and Australia are very active."

IN BRIEF

Family dies in fumes accident

TWO ADULTS and two boys have been found dead from suspected carbon monoxide poisoning at their home in Brimington, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire. A neighbour alerted police yesterday, who said that the deaths were not being treated as suspicious.

Cancer claim settled for £65,000

A WOMAN diagnosed with cervical cancer after a GP allegedly failed to advise her to have a smear test accepted £65,000 yesterday in settlement of her High Court damages claim. Helen Barthorpe, 39, of Bath, was diagnosed as suffering from an advanced stage of the cancer in 1994.

Crash victim awarded £1.4m

JUNE WARD, 57. of Crawley, West Sussex, who was left in a persistent vegetative state after a crash with another driver in 1992, was awarded £1.4m agreed damages in the High Court. The figure was awarded by consent against Elizabeth Hutchins, of Littlehampton, West Sussex.

'Pay farmers to help wildlife'

FARMERS SHOULD be paid £200 per bectare to create and look after habitats that encourage the return of wild birds, animals and insects to the countryside, the Wildlife Trusts say today in a plan that would switch £1.6bn in agricultural subsidies to an environmental fund.



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Old jokes reincarnated as painfully embarrassing moments

Culture Secretary, had been struck by a happy thought as he scanned the front page of The Guardian yesterday. Perhaps he shared it with his wife over the breakfast cereals, perhaps she then explained Daddy's joke to the children.

Perhaps, though, he kept his counsel and carried the notion with him into the House like a pocket hand-warmer a concealed flame that he hugged against the chill of this most thankless task - appearing to give a dama about the Government's plans for regional theatres. And then finally, during questions about the Millennium Dome, he spotted an opportunity to take his light out of its bushel. He acronyms for which the Government had been most interested to read of has such a weakness. Fortunately for plans to freeze the Thames at Greenwich, he told the House with an anticipatory grin, but wouldn't the minister agree with him that "this was taking the idea of 'Cool Britannia' a little too far?"

Members tittered politely or is-sued the mildly approbatory groan the House reserves for overpolished lines.

His colleague, Richard Spring, was packing heat too - arriving in the chamber with a concealed joke that he suddenly whipped out when questioning Chris Smith about something called Quest, yet another of those purposeful sounding there was bound to be a question

has such a weakness. Fortunately for Mr Smith, the joke in question was a harmless replica - it looked like a deadly jibe but it could only fire blanks: "What has happened to the 'arm's length principle", "Mr Spring demanded severely, "his understanding of which is on a par with the Venus de Milo." Mr Smith waved away the hlue smoke with a practised air of contempt.

His frontbench colleague, Tony Banks, was luckier, in that he got his prepared gag out pretty soon after curtain up, when the audience was

in a more receptive mood. Mr Banks would have known THE SKETCH



THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

about the England football coach's rather punitive notions about disability (one can only assume that Glenn Hoddle disapproves of wheel-

a blasphemous mitigation of divine justice). And so, like Mr Ainsworth,

he had come prepared.

After Ivor Caplin had added an indignant codicil to an innocuous question about the National Stadium, he rose to confess his exasperation at recent events in his manor, events that had led him to reflect on his own past-life misdemeanours: "I can only conclude that I was Vlad the Impaler," he said. "and I felt all of my impaling instincts come back as I surveyed the sporting world this week."

Mr Banks, who was actually a music hall comedian in his previous life and has carried through the

chair ramps and Braille notices as a blasphemous mitigation of divine instice). And so, like Mr Ainsworth, he had come a special financial for the had come a special form. the skewer of the question.

All this talk of reincarnation naturally led to more general speculation about the karmic prospects - what, for instance, will the Conservative Party return as once it has finally passed on? It can't be long now, because the death rattles are getting ever more strident.

Yesterday's question session was a good case in point - a messy ex-ercise in hand-to-hand in which the will to wound was present but the means to do it completely absent Again and again Tory backbenchers rose, misfired loudly and front bench took the opportunity to

Michael Fubricant, who in a previous life was a l'ekinese with an erotic fixation for society ladies' legs, was typical of the ill-prepared attacks - roundly denouncing Labour for breaking an election promise on museum charges and then being obliged to sit and look bashful as Alan Howarth detailed exactly how Labour was going about keeping it. To make Mr Howarth look impressive is something of an achievement, it is true. but not one that is likely to earn Mr Fabricant many Brownie points on his particular astral plane.

Labour MPs warn of revolt on peers

THE GOVERNMENT could face a backbench revolt if it accepts a deal to keep nearly 100 heredmary peers beyond the first stage of its House of Lords reform, Labour MPs warned yesterday.

Tony Benn, the MP for Chesterfield, said the proposed compromise would breach the party's manifesto commitment. to scrap hereditaries' voting rights. Speaking during the second reading of the House of this Bill because it abolishes feudalism. But you have made a big mistake if you come back and ask us to reverse our manifesto commitment by endorsing the principle of hereditary peers.

"Don't ask us to endorse the principle of hereditary peers. elected by other hereditary peers, and the principle of appointed peers because both of them are an absolute denial of the democratic principle that this House is based on and the upper chamber should be

Lamenting prime ministers' unduly large power of patronage, Mr Benn, who, as Viscount Stansgate gave up his peerage in the Sixtles to sit in the Commons, said he would like to introduce a Modernisation of the Premiership Bill, which would BY SARAH SCHAEFER

Political Reporter

force all prime ministerial appointments to be approved by the elected Commons.

However, Margaret Beckett, the Leader in the Commons, made clear the Government would be prepared to accept the deal if other keynote legislation was Lords Bill, he said: "I support not being obstructed by peers. If not, she warned, ministers

were prepared to use the Parliament Act under which the Bill in its present form would become law after a year's delay. The amendment to retain 91

hereditaries will be introduced in the Lords by Lord Weatherill, the chairman of the crossbenchers. Opening the two-day debate yesterday, Mrs Beckett said: "Should this Bill be obstructed in the Lords, despite being a clear

manifesto pledge, or should it appear that the consensus and good faith for which we hope is lacking, then it is to this simple Bill that we should wish to apply the Parliament Act." She sought to counter backbench concern, pledging that even with such an amendment

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Tony Benn: Call to end the power of patronage

moved because those elected by their peers would be there in a personal capacity and their heirs would not inherit their seats.

But Nicholas Hawkins, the Tory MP for Surrey Heath, claimed that this amounted to putting a "pistol to the heads" of the Lords, adding: "If that is the case, the word that would be applied to that in the courts and his cronies could control". would be 'blackmail'."

Mrs Beckett branded the right of the 750 hereditaries to sit in the second chamber by virtue of birth alone "utterly tothe automatic rights of hereditally and literally indefensible". tary peers would have been re-Some hereditaries had "bene-

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fited from dubious favours, sometimes sexual, sometimes financial, performed for past monarchs", she said.

Pointing to the in-built threeto-one Tory majority in the Lords, Mrs Beckett said the Government had been defeated almost three times more often by peers than had hanpened on average during the previous Tory government.

Andrew Robathan, the Tory MP for Blaby, was cheered by his own benches when he accused Mrs Beckett of "revelling in class warfare".

Dr Liam Fox, the party's constitutional spokesman, urged ministers to extend the legislative power of the second chamber by increasing peers' ability to scrutinise secondary legislation such as European direc-Challenging the

Government over its "hidden agenda" behind the reform, Dr Fox added Tony Blair's real aim was to weaken the Lords' power as a second chamber "that he

An independent commission, chaired by the Tory peer Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the former lord chancellor, will report on alternative proposals for a future second chamber at the beginning of March.

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Margaret Hodge admiring the two photographs she selected for her office at the Department for Education and Employment, by the photographer Monica Rene (right)

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Cook tells Serbs that RAF is ready to bomb next week

BRITISH WARPLANES are ready to launch air strikes against Yugoslavia early next week if Serbia fails to turn up to peace talks to resolve the Kosovo crisis, the Foreign Secretary, Robin Cook, warned yesterday.

In an emergency statement to the House of Commons, Mr Cook said that RAF Harrier jets based in Italy were poised to lead military action if the Serbs failed to comply with Nato र्वाच्याक्रात्रक

However, he stressed that if the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army also refused to turn up to the talks in Paris this Saturday there was no question of any bombing of Serb targets as Britain would not act as the

KLA's air force. The Foreign Secretary told MPs that he had just returned from the Balkans, where he made clear to President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia and ethnic Albanian leaders the international community's de-

termination to end the conflict. Under a plan drawn up by the six-nation Contact Group of Nato allies, both sides have

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY PAUL WAUGH Political Correspondent

until Saturday to begin negotiating a three-year interim settlement to give Kosovo more autonomy. They will have a week in which to come to agreement The talks were the best op-

portunity to date for both the warring parties in Kosovo to achieve a political settlement and end the "humanitarian catastrophe" of recent atrocities in the province, Mr Cook said. "I urge both of them now to seize that opportunity and give the people of Kosovo hope for their future in place of fear of the present bloodshed," he said

An RAF contingent of eight Harrier jets based in Gioia del Colle in southern Italy could bomb Serb air bases within 48 hours of an order from the Nato Secretary-General, Javier Solana, Mr Cook said. If, however, the Serbs and ethnic Albanians agreed to a peace deal. ground troops were ready to go into Kosovo to enforce a negotiated settlement. Both Britain

and France were committed to offering ground troops for enforcement, but Mr Cook hinted that the United States was now also preparing to take part in such a peace-keeping force.

Mr Cook also told the Commons that the Serbian security forces had "prime responsibility" for the atrocity in Racak. when 45 civilians, including old men and a child, were murdered in cold blood.

Michael Howard, the shadow Foreign Secretary said that it had been almost eight months since the Foreign Secretary first issued threats to President Milosevic. "Threats have been issued and not carried out," he said. Mr Howard accused the Government of "dithering" over Kosovo, but the Mr Cook dismissed the aliegation as party ooliticking.

"You refer to a period of eight months - may I remind you that it was in 1990 that President Milosevic suspended the autonomy of Kosovo?" he said. "Today's storm has been gathering since then and for seven of those years your party was

SOCIAL SECURITY

payout glitch

£4m for

pension

claimants and pensioners will he paid compensation of at least £10 each for chaos caused by the breakdown of a Contributions Agency computer, the Government announced.

The package was unveiled in the Lords after Tories and Liberal Democrats insisted the poor had been hit hardest. The Social Security minister Baroness Hollis of Heigham announced the policy during debate on the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions) Bill.

Pensioners, widows and incapacity benefit claimantswere underpaid when a computer system designed to calculating national insurance contributions crashed last

The Contributions Agency had outraged pensioners' groups when it said it would compensate only those people owed £100 or more after the breakdown of the National Insurance Recording System.

Wembley sold

WEMBLEY'S replacement, the English National Stadium, has come a step nearer with Wembley plo and the English National Stadium Development Company having exchanged contracts for the sale of Wembley Stadium, the Sports minister, Tony Banks, said.

Plastic builets

PLASTIC BULLETS will still be used to quell riots in Northern Ireland because no alternatives were effective enough "in Northern Ireland conditions", the Northern Ireland minister Adam Ingram said.

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Third Parties) Bill, committee Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Bill, second reading

Debate on planning procedures on proposals

Millennlum bug

RAIL, AIR and ferry companies claim they are unable to find anyone to insure them for 1 January 2000, Anne McIntosh, the Tory MP for Vale of York, warned during question

'Frozen' Thames

JANET ANDERSON, the Tourism minister dismissed as pure speculation a story that the Thames could be frozen over from New Year's Eve to transport the Queen to the Miliennium Dome. She was responding at question time to shadow Culture Secretary Peter Ainsworth who had asked: "Isn't this taking the idea of Cool Britannia a little too far?"

'Times' inquiry THE INQUIRY by the Director-General of Fair

Trading, John Bridgeman,

THE HOUSE



into alleged predatory pricing by The Times should be finished by the end of this month, the Trade and Industry minister Lord Simon of Highbury said during

question time. **Jubilee Line** TUBE MANAGERS are

drawing up contingency plans in case the Jubilee Line extension is not finished in time to carry visitors to and from the Millennium Dome, the Transport minister Glenda Jackson disclosed in a written reply.

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'I cannot get a fair trial' says Noye

BRITAIN'S MOST wanted man, BY ELIZABETH NASH Kenneth Noye, who has been linked with the M25 road-rage killing, told Spain's national court he opposed being extradited because the British media would make it impossible for him to receive a fair trial.

"I think I've already had my trial in England because of the media," Mr Noye, 51, yesterday told magistrates considering a warrant submitted in September by Kent police. The hearing was in Madrid's high-

in Madrid

security court, usually used for Eta terrorism trials. The judges are expected to rule in a week.

Mr Noye, asked why he opposed the extradition request. glanced at the dozens of British journalists behind an armouredglass screen and said: "It's impossible for me to get a fair trial because of the media and the unfair and unreasonable way I was identified in a restaurant.

All I ask is for the trial to be fair

Asked by his lawyer, Manuel Murillo, if he had anything to do with the stabbing of Stephen Cameron on an M25 slip-road in May 1996, Mr Noye said "No". Spanish police arrested him in August last year in a restaurant in the town of Barbate, near Cadiz.

The chief prosecutor at yesterday's hearing, Eduardo Fungairino, said the court's purpose was only to decide

tradited. "Britain's extradition request was presented scrupulously through all the requisite diplomatic channels and meets

to dispute the facts in the case." Mr Fungairino conceded that the method whereby Mr Noye was identified before his arrest - by photofit rather than by identity parade - "did not exactly accord with Spanish law". but this formed "no impedi-

all the necessary requirements

it is not for the Spanish court

Kent JP has presented an international warrant ... Britain presented an absolutely convincing account of the events concerning the stabbing and came to the conclusion that it could have been done by no other person than Kenneth

Mr Murillo asked for extradition to be denied, saying the photofit identification - "the only piece of evidence against

ment" to granting extradition. him" - was "worthless" in a British police officer present the judge cut him off, saying this "It is enough for us that a Spanish law. The Spanish coostitution demanded "the principle of reciprocity" when granting extradition, "This means Britain must provide evidence of the substantive case on which he is charged, and we have to examine the evidence to see if it is sufficient. We re-

> and ask for more informatioo." The presiding judge denied Mr Noye's request to questioo

ject the application on the

grounds of insufficient evidence

at the hearing, but invited him to make a statement.

'What were they [the police] doing?" Mr Nove asked. "They issued no arrest warrant for two years and three months, then arrested me on an illegal identification. All I'm asking is for the judges to be fair and reasonable. If one of them was an English persoo sitting in a restaurant and police were looking for a dark-haired, much younger man ..." At this point was in his defence statement. "There's nothing more then. Thank you very much," said Mr Nove and sat down. After the hearing Detective Inspector Dennis McGookin

said: "We are pleased with the way the proceedings have gone and we await the judgment of the court." Mr Nove will be allowed to appeal within three days of the ruling and the court would decide on the appeal about a month later.

Sex-crazed ruddy ducks to be shot

A LONG-AWAITED death sentence was passed yesterday on the ruddy duck, a waterfow introduced to Britain 50 years ago whose sex drive is now threatening a much rarer

Ruddy ducks are to be shot across the country in a trial to see if they can be wiped out completely, and so save their relative, the endangered whiteheaded duck of Spain, from being hybridised to extinction.

The decision, announced yesterday by the Environment minister, Michael Meacher, was twice put off by the previous government and will set conservationists head-to-head against animal welfare

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds strongly backed the move but the pressure group Animal Aid said it was "kow-towing to the lunatic fringe of birdwatchers" and accused the Government of 'species racism". Mr Meacher has accepted

bird organisations, which says that the higgest threat to the white-headed duck's survival Is interbreeding with ruddy ducks

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BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY **Environment Correspondent**

one of Europe's rarest birds and is globally endangered, with its world population thought to number no more than 16,000. In Europe, Spain is now its last strooghold. In the 1970s its numbers there were down to 22, but determined conservation work has brought the oumbers up to about 1,000.

However, conservationists say the ruddy duck, a closely related bird of North American origin, is rendering this effort worthless because male birds from Britain now fly to Spain, aggressively mate with female white-headed ducks and produce fertile hybrids. They fear the small white-headed population will be hred out of existence. They also fear that other populations, in Turkey and parts of Asia, are also at risk because ruddy ducks have now arrived in these areas.

Trial shooting of some of Britain's estimated 4,000 ruddy the advice of a special taskforce ducks will start in the spring at he set up on the problem, from breeding sites in the West Midthe main wildlife agencies and lands, Anglesey and Fife, the Government said yesterday. It will continue for three years so the possibility of wiping out the birds can be assessed.

"This has been a very diffi-



A ruddy duck, which is to be culled in a move labelled 'species racism' by animal welfare campaigners

a duty to maintain, as far as we can, the current diversity of species," Mr Meacher said. "There is strong scientific evidence that the ruddy duck

made on the basis that we have tion to remove the threat is ur- serving global biodiversity it gently required." A number of other European countries, with Spain in the lead, have been pressing Britain to act.

Yesterday the Royal Society poses a serious threat to the for the Protection of Birds survival of the white-headed backed Mr Meacher "As the so-

supports this unwelcome but necessary task," said Dr Mark Avery, the society's director of conservation. "The RSPB believes that the conservation of the white-headed duck is a

very high priority and ignoring

pose will inevitably lead to the extinction of a species." But Animal Aid said it was a 'slaughter to appease anorak

hirdwatchers". The group's director, Andrew Tyler, said: "The birdwatching anoraks won't tolerate this mixing of blood. They Bill Coster/NHPA

offended by the idea of genetic impurity hut because it makes it more difficult to compile the lists of hirds seen through their binoculars." In 1997 John Gummer an-

oounced a ruddy duck cull. It was cancelled in the run-up to.

Tutors quizzed on love interest

BY IAN SHOESMITH

STAFF AT a university may be asked to declare any romantic interests with students or colleagues in a new "love book", Managers at Bradford University said the idea was intended to eliminate allegations of favouritism from students having affairs with their tutors, And staff turned down for promotion would be able to see what intlmate relationships were going on between bosses and workers.

The proposed policy of declaring "any relationship where there might be potential cooflicts of interest" is contained in a consultation document to be put to staff and students.

But the Association of University Teachers, a lecturers' trade union, said it invaded members' privacy. The branch president, Adrian Pearce, said: We already have a code covering staff-student relationships and a code against harassment. We do not think it is occessary or practical to start trying to define which relationships ... need to be declared."

A spokesman for the university said: "We have prepared draft guidelines huilding on the current guidelines, which cover staff-student relationships." He added that the teachers' association had pressed for a formal

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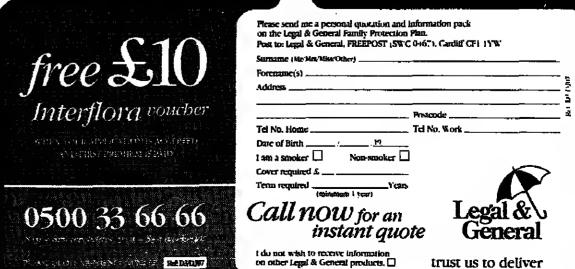
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Police club Kenya's green protesters

STUDENTS AT two Kenyan universities clashed with riot police yesterday as violence spread in a protest against the exploitation of one of Kenya's

last surviving virgin forests. clubs against the students, who since Friday evening had been burning vehicles in the capital, Nairobi, as part of their anti-government protest. The deputy vice-chancellor of Nairobi University, Crispus Kiamba. announced that the college had

been closed indefinitely. New anti-riot armoured vehicles imported from South Africa were deployed for the first time yesterday, with teargas and rubber bullets.

Witnesses said that more than 1,000 students clashed with hundreds of riot police after the protesters blocked the Thika road, a main transport artery leading to the city centre. News reports said the Japanese and Ugandan ambassadors to Kenya had been assaulted by the forest, which is governstudents who stopped their vehicles on the road

The protests began over gov- estate. ernment land deals in the pro-

BY LUCY HANNAN in Nairobi

tected Karura forest on Nairobi's northern fringe, which the students say have involved a great deal of corruption. Over the past few months the deals have been condemned at both the local and international

Last month, the internationally known environmentalist. Wangari Maathai, was reportedly beaten up by the police when she attempted to lead a protest and plant some saplings at Karura.

After commandeering tractors to storm the gates of the forest, the students shifted the focus of their protest to the streets of the capital and have now issued various demands, including the cancellation of the Karura deals and the release of

The protesters are angry about the allocating of plots in ment owned, for the construction of an upmarket housing

Environmentalists say the

forest is a vital green lung for Nairobi, a highly congested city with a population of more than three million. Suspicion is widespread that politicians and other members of the government have profited from the sale of forest plots.

At a news conference yesterday, the leader of the opposition Democratic Party, Mwai Kibaki, condemned the police violence and called on President Daniel arap Moi to resign. "It is particularly alarming and disgusting that the Moi regime has again resorted to the use of ... repression and declared war against its own citizens to protect a few corrupt cronies," Mr

Kibaki said. State radio later carried a brief statement from Mr Moi, saying the protests had been sparked by "hatred and tribalism". He had yet to issue an official comment on the protests

On Sunday, the Anglican Archbishop of Nairobi, the Most Rev David Gitari, said he would lead bishops in their clerical robes to Karura forest to join the demonstrations.



Riot police confronting students in Nairobi yesterday as violence grew during protests at property deals in protected forest

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Dutch spurn Kurd's hope of sanctuary

LIKE A hijacker seeking a safe By IMRE KARACS port, the Kurdish guerrilla in Bonn leader Abdullah Ocalan was criss-crossing the airspace over Europe yesterday in an epic search for a place that he could at last call home.

Forced out of Syria, Russia and Italy in quick succession, Mr Ocalan had flown to Rotterdam in a private jet late on sona non grata by the Dutch Sunday night, only to be denied justice ministry: landing rights by the Dutch au There are not thorities. The leader of the tries that would want Mr Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) then flew on, destination unknown.

The Turkish government, which wants to put Mr Ocalan on trial for his role in the death of 29,000 people during the Kurhisb struggle for independence, said last night the aircraft was sitting on the apron of Athens airport, awaiting permission to enter from the Greek government. The Greeks denied the Turkish report, and said they did not want the Kurdish leader on their soil. No government was prepared to venture a guess as to where Mr Ocalan had begun his flight in the first place.

He was supposed to have left Italy on 16 January, after fail-ing to secure political asylum. He was then rumoured to have returned to Russia, or settled in another eastern European country, or somewhere in the Middle East, or even South Africa.

tain was that late on Sunday set to spark off another round night, Mr Ocalan was again on of Greek-Turkish hostilities. the move. Tipped off about his imminent arrival, about 200 Kurds had turned up at Rotterdam airport to cheer him. The Dutch authorities, however, found the landing documents wanting, and told him to the Greek government. Take go away.

According to Mr Ocalan's lawyer, the Kurdish leader had gone to the Netherlands to put Kurdistan's case personally to the international court in The Hague. But he was promptly declared per-

There are not many coun-Ocalan. Syria - haven and military base for the PKK for many years - showed him the door last autumn in the face of mounting Turkish pressure. He washed up in Russia, but was sent on his way again. On 12 November, he was arrested at Rome airport after a Russian tip-off.

That might have been the end of the road, except that even the countries that had put him on their most wanted lists turned out not to want him after all

Fearing riots among its large Kurdish and Turkish populations, Germany hurriedly with-drew its long-standing extradition order. Italy also decided it had no quarrel with the Kurds. That left only Turkey seeking Mr Ocaian, and Italy refused to hand him over to nearcertain execution.

Because of Italy's controversial decision, Mr Ocalan is All that could be said for cer- a free man, but homeless, and

"We know he is at Athens airport," Korkmaz Hakmatir. under-secretary at the Turkish Foreign Ministry, was quoted as saying, "We insist he is not here," retorted a spokesman for

Iran rock'n'rolls for Khomeini

THE STREETS are decked out BY BORZU ARANI in lights and posters, the night sky aglow with a laser show and fireworks that reflect off the snow on the Alborz mountains Plans are under way for a massive rock concert, amid one of the biggest street parties Iran has seen.

Yesterday, Iran started a 10-day celebration marking the 20th anniversary of the Islamic revolution that, officially, lib-Shah's regime.

But for many the festivities themselves mark another liberation of sorts, from the two decades of Islamic rule the country has lived through since the bearded figure of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini stepped on to the asphalt of Tehran's Mehrabad airport on 1 February 1979.

the tension between hardliners Khomeini and reformers hammad Khatami. Mr Khata- ed it all 20 years ago turn in his mi recently pleaded with his grave.

powerful, hardline opponents, who still exert great influence, dominating downtown Tehran. to allow the country's massive young population more freedom to enjoy themselves, saying they need to be able to do more than just pray in the mosques. The pop concert, if it goes ahead, will be the first since the time of the Shah.

Rock music was banned by erated the people from the the revolutionaries for its corrupting Western influence. Now, though, no self-respecting middle-class household in

Tehran is without Oasis tapes. The anniversary also sees art exhibitions and festivals celebrating both the increasingly acclaimed home grown film scene and, unprecedentedly, Western cinema,

State television has been Like everything in today's showing recent Hollywood iran, the celebrations illustrate movies and Robert De Niro has been invited to attend a celetrue to the legacy of Ayatollah bration of his films in Tehran, two developments that would aligned with President Mo- make the gentleman who start-

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Senate lawyers question Lewinsky

THE INDEPENDENT

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WITH THE future of the US President hers to decide, Monica Lewinsky was questioned for much of yesterday by lawyers trying to establish the truth of the charges against him. It was the 23rd time the former White House trainee had been questioned under oath about their relationship and probably the most crucial.

Ms Lewinsky and her questioners were holed up behind several sets of closed doors at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, the hotel where Ms Lewinsky has been staying since she returned from Cali-

fornia on Saturday.
It was decided not to summon her to the Capitol, for her own convenience and to avoid causing gridlock in Washington

Outside the Mayflower yesterday, there were broad smiles from passers-by at the flock of reporters now banished from the lobby to the opposite side of the road, and some street theatre that included an almost naked cowboy. Sporting only black under-

pants and snakeskin boots. despite the near zero temperature, he sang, appropriately enough: "If it's trouble you want, then I've got it."

The lawyers had arrived shortly before 9am. For the White House, Mr Clinton's private lawyer, David Kendall, and the two female lawyers in the White House team, Nicole Seligman and Cheryl Mills. Plato Cacheris, Ms Lewinsky's lawyer, had arrived shortly before, also accompanied by a female lawver

The first four hours of questioning were led by Ed Bryant, one of the 13 Republican "prosecutors" from the House of Representatives who are trying

BY MARY DEJEVSKY in Washington

ton's conviction Mr Bryant, the Representative from Tennessee, was one of three prosecutors who held a preliminary meeting with Ms Lewinsky the week before and the one, reports said, who communicated with her most easily.

Questions were expected to focus on Mr Clinton's role, if any in the removal of gifts from Ms Lewinsky's flat and the affidavit she signed denying a serual re-lationship with the President. Advance speculation about a

"Perry Mason" style denoue-ment was dampened by one of the House prosecutors, Bill McColtum, who told a television interviewer: "I don't want anybody to think there's some bombshell out there."

Lest their insistence on calling Ms Lewinsky be thought prurient, Republicans have also stressed that their questions would be about lies and not sex.

The afternoon session was allocated to the White House defence lawyers. Two senators presided, one Republican and one Democrat, and the proceedings were videotaped, although the Senate has still to decide whether the tape will ever be made public.

While yesterday's questionand-answer session at the Mayflower was the first opportunity Mr Clinton's lawyers have had to quiz Ms Lewinsky directly, the encounter was one the White House had done its utmost to prevent. Apparently close to panic about what she might say, spokesmen, lawyers and Democrat senators had used every argument they could muster.



distract Monica-fixated Washington with the formal presen-

a New York Times report over the weekend claiming that the tation of the US budget for independent prosecutor, Ken-2000, the first "surplus" budget neth Starr, might iditiet Mr :

"The office of the indepen-

dent counsel has once again engaged in illegal and partisan leaking "objected Mr Kendall, for a generation. White House Clinton for obstruction of justice announcing that the White taken.

plaint. Mr Starr's office, however, formally denied any leak, saying that no decision on indicting the President had been

President tackles huge cash surplus

PRESIDENT BILL Clinton BY ANDREW MARSHALL launched his annual budget plan yesterday, ignoring the continuing drama of the impeachment trial to focus on the remaining two years of his term in office.

Spurning Republican calls for tax cuts, the President instead proposed a welter of projects that will put money into people's pockets by other

The budget contains a vast array of mini-projects that seem designed to underpin support for the Democrats in the 2000 elections. It must be passed by the Republicancontrolled Congress before it takes effect.

The main issue in the hudget is how to deal with the vast surplus that the United States believes it will accumulate over the next few years. In 2000, the year covered by the budget plan, the President predicts a surplus of \$117bn (£71bn), and for the decade as a whole, the surplus is likely to be about 2.41 trillion dollars, the White House says. For most of the past 30 years, the US government has heen spending beyond its means, running up large deficits every year and hefty

For most of that time, the politics of the US was the polihes of the deficit, but that has now shifted abruptly to working out what to do with a growing cash mountain. The White House wants to use it to prop up the ailing pension system which will be heavily depleted as the baby-boom generation moves towards retirement. The Republicans want to reduce taxes. This is likely to be one of the main issues they will use as they head into the 2000 Presidential elections.

The main proposal from Mr Clinton is to put nearly twothirds of the surplus into the pension system, and more into the scheme that pays for medical care for elderly people. The President wants to put some of the surplus into the stock market under government management, an idea in Washington

central bank and others nervous. It would give the government a hig stake in the stock market, and it is hard to see how the scheme could be made safe from government interference.

But the White House has also artfully constructed a spending and revenue package that has something for everyone, especially core Democrat supporters. The budget includes tax relief for childcare and for people caring for elderly relatives. It proposes more money for education, and would put in place incentives for companies to invest in poor innercity areas. It would close a series of corporate tax loop holes to raise more cash to fund these, emphasising that the President wants to save, not spend the surplus.

The budget also protects a weak political flank by proposing a boost to defence spending of \$112hn up to 2005. Next year's spending increase is more modest, about \$12hn, of which most is either cash reallocated from other Pentagon spending plans or projected economic savings. Only about \$5hn is new money. But the effect is to plug many of the gaps the military had identified and make it much less likely that there will be a dispuste over de-

fence spending.

■ A US Marine pilot went on trial at the Camp Lejeune base in North Carolina yesterday charged with the negligent killing of 20 people when his plane sliced through the cables of a ski lift in the Italian alps last

Captain Richard Ashhy, whose co-pilot also faces court martial, has said in his defence that the lift was not marked on his US-issued map. The prosecution case is that the plane was flouting regulations by deliberately flying too low and too fast, something Captain Ashby denies. The defendants also claim they are being made scapegoats because of diplothat makes Wall Street, the US matic pressure from Italy.

Security men in Cypriot port were not spies, Israel claims

SO THE Israeli Mossad spies in By ROBERT FISK Cyprus were not spies after all.

They were, it transpired yesterday, merely "approaching" a military area with scanning equipment, computers, tape recorders, military maps and cellular telephones upon which they regularly dialled a mimber for Israeli intelligence in Tel

Three years was what Udi Hargov and Igal Damary re-ceived from the Larnaca District Court - which, with good conduct, means they will be back in Israel in a year or two. year?

Officially, of course, it simply could not be proved that they were interested in the imminent arrival (since cancelled) of Cyprus' brand-new ground-toair missiles, to which the Turks objected - Turkey heing Is-rael's latest ally in the Middle

But the Cypriot President, Glafcos Clerides, and his Foreign Minister, Ioannis Kasoulidhis, have since admitted

changed curses at the trial in

Aden of five Britons and an Al-

gerian accused of planning a

bombing campaign. The de-

fendants repeated claims of

As the session began yes-

Two other prisoners joined

in and the guards shouted in-

sults. Badr Basunaid accused

prison officials of denying him

The men are accused of

being in touch with the gang

that last year kidnapped 16

tourists, and with Abu Hamza

al-Masri, a militant Islamic

access to his clients.

terday James Luovres, 30, an

Algerian who was on a forged

torture and beatings.

the guards.

Insults fly at trial

PRISONERS AND guards ex- BY PATRICK COCKBURN

of Britons in Aden

French passport, held up a said that they had been tor-bruised right arm and insulted tured. Malek Nasser Harhara

in Sanaa

Middle East Correspondent

that they had been "reassured" by Israel, unnamed US senators and an equally anonymous European Union minister that the two men had not been "acting against Cyprus".

So what were they doing in the picturesque Cypriot fishing village of Zigi at the moment the Cypriot National Guard just happened to be unloading a new shipment of tanks and other military equipment last

According to the Israelis, they were acting against a threat of "terrorism", the allpurpose definition of anything that threatens Israel, and in no way intending to harm the security of an island which has been divided for a quarter of a century between Greek Cypriots and Israel's new ally.

Judge George Aresti stated at Larnaca yesterday that "no

cleric in London. The defen-

dants deny all charges. The trial

In London, Michael McCol-

gan, a human rights lawyer,

who interviewed three of the ac-

cused last week, said: "All three

said he had been beaten, blind-

folded and trussed up ... He

was ... beaten unconscious on

Mohammed Mustapha

Kamel, 18, a son of Mr Masri,

and two other Britons captured

in Yemen last week are to be

tried later. Security sources

said they were still being

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interrogated.

resumes on Saturday.

explanation has been given as seems, has agreed to forgive to why the two accused approached a prohibited area when such a delicate security operation was under way".

The Cypriot authorities had been maintaining the "utmost secrecy", he said, about the military activity taking place at the commande base at Vasilikos, close to Zigi. No mention was made in the

Larnaca court - a bleak twostorey building near the international airport - about two meetings that took place during the trial between the Cypriot attorney general, Alecos Markides, and his Israeli opposite number, Elyakin

The Greek Cypriot press quickly recalled the case of a Cypriot journalist sentenced to five years in prison in Israel more than two decades ago for alleged "spying"; he had been taking photographs in the port The Cypriot government, it

potential danger to its island state by the two Mossad men almost as quickly as it decided, under European and American pressure, to abandon its plan to deploy anti-aircraft missiles. Mr Markides denied at a press conference that any "pressure" had been brought on Cyprus to drop the case against the

> Hargov and Damary could have received 10 years in prison for espionage if they had been convicted of the initial charges

The police had caught the two men after a local Greek Cypriot café proprietor became suspicious because they never greeted him after renting a neighbouring apartment.

Quite apart from mysterious American senators, a serious appreciation of Greek food, it seems, might have saved both of the men the trouble of a

IN BRIEF

Cash for Iraqi hits on RAF planes

THE PRESIDENT of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, has given orders to pay 25 million dinars (about £9,000) to air defence troops who succeed in shooting down a hostile aircraft, Iraq's government newspaper said yesterday. US and British planes hit targets in Iraq on Sunday.

MEPs want Milosevic indicted

A EUROPEAN parliamentary delegation yesterday handed a 100,000-signature petition demanding the indictment of President Slobodan Milosevic to UN war crimes prosecutors in The Hague. The petition was signed by 120 MEPs and two former Belgian prime ministers.

'Progress' in India nuclear test ban

INDIA HAS agreed to sign a nuclear test ban treaty provided economic sanctions imposed after it held nuclear tests last year are lifted. US and Indian officials stopped short of declaring a breakthrough after eight months of nuclear negotiations, but applauded "significant progress".

Lesbian chaplain back in pulpit

A LESBIAN clergywoman barred from the pulpit for marrying her pariner was allowed to resume preaching yesterday. The row over Siri Sunde, 40, a chaplain in the Hamar diocese, threatens to split Norway's state church.



Singapore rebel on trial for speeches

psychologist with a good job at tional University. After deciding to run for parliament on an opposition party ticket be lost his job, then his house, and now lives from hand to mouth by publishing his writings.

He stands to loose his freedom. Yesterday, Dr Chee went on trial for breaching the Public Entertainment Act. In Singapore, where a leading dissident was placed under house arrest in a theme park, entertainment covers making public speeches without a permit.

Dr Chee did this twice, insisting Singapore's constitution guarantees free speech, making the law invalid.

The maximum penalty is a fine of £1.800, but more importantly, from Dr Chee's point of view, the offence also carries a

found guilty he will go to jail rather than pay the fine. The government accuses him of seeking political mar-

tyrdom and says Singapore-ans enjoy free speech and can exercise it in parliament and in the local media. However, Dr Chee says it is practically impossible for him to

get his views aired in the statedominated media. It is also very hard for opposition members to get elected to parliament. In the last election opposition candidates secured more than 40 per cent of the popular vote but only took three of the 83 seats.

Constituencies that have returned opposition candidates are subject to threats of withdrawal of public services and, as in the case of the constituency once represented by Dr Chee, they simply disappear under

far more experience than his client of facing the govern-ment's wrath. Mr Jeyaretnam says he is virtually penniless after having been repeatedly sued for libel by government leaders. Few dare seek his services as a lawyer, leaving him

with a very thin practice. Entering opposition politics is not to be taken lightly in Singapore. Dr Chee took the first steps by writing to the leading local paper about the problems of the education system; complaining it lacked flexibility and room for initiative.

Even this form of activity soon earned a reprimand from his boss. This brush with intolerance of opposition increased when he decided to stand for parliament. A dispute over misuse of university department funds involving £70 led to his dis-

politics have faced similar problems. Not surprisingly, they are thin on the ground.

In court yesterday the police who summoned Dr Chee for addressing a public meeting constituted a threat to national security. "It can happen at any time," said the officer.

Mr Jeyaretnam, who has also been portrayed as a security threat, replied: "In the same way that Martians could invade Singapore." The authorities are unlikely to have been amused.

As for Dr Chee, he faces another trial once this one finishes. However, his unusual public challenge to the government has sparked a public debate in the columns of local newspapers. The fact that the articles are being published



Chee Soon Juan making one of his 'filegal' public speeches in Singapore's business district last month Ed Wrag

Nation that will swallow anything

STREET LIFE

possible to imagine the worst. A large map of the country filled the television screen as a Russian newsreader read out statistics in the kind of sombre voice well suited to disasters. He was listing victim numbers city by city as you would in a war or in the aftermath of a nuclear accident. It sounded pretty awful: 100 here, 200 there,

Clearly, the nation that chased off Napoleon and Hitler - and which has yet completely to shake off a residual fear of invasion - was suffering some kind of new onslaught. Scarier still, the map showed that the threat - being unable to afford to go was moving relentlessly anywhere interesting - he westwards towards Moscow.

Influenza has arrived in vance across Siberia and the Ural mountains is being charted with the solemnity that you would expect to be reserved for events of greater magnitude. Newspapers publish articles describing cures; humourless television hulletins include the details amid such weighty matters as the Kosovo crisis and Bill Clinton's impeachment.

But what is surprising is not that Russians regard flu as a serious health problem. After all, the Soviet health service has been falling apart

for years and is now in a terrible state, and flu can prove deadly to the weak or elderly. And imported medicines are increasingly expensive in Russia. A packet of Coldex costs more than many earn in a day, while a flu shot costs about £12 - two-thirds of the monthly wage for the 40 million people blow the poverty

No, what is much more mystifying is the extent to which Russians fret about flu, while appearing indifferent to most other afflictions that annually wipe hundreds of thousands off the population, now down to just over 146 million. Russians smoke in astronomical numbers, despite worsening cancer.

They drink vodka with abandon, although alcohol has played a leading part in lowering average male mortality to about 59. Taxi drivers take it as an insult to their driving skills if you so much as hint at clipping up your seatbelt, even though some 27,000 people died on the roads last year. All these issues are seen as inescapable aspects of the Russ-

FOR A brief moment, it was ian condition, matters for which fate and not humankind is largely to blame.

Not so flu. Flu is regarded as an enemy against which aldo battle, armed with an assortment's of quacks' remedies. The slightest suggestion of a sniffle will have Russians rubbing vodka into their chests, or racing to the steam

A few days ago, I was chat-ting with Sasha Forninykh, a 40-year-old driver at a Moscow factory who is the neighbour of a friend of mine. We were talking about his recent Christmas holiday which spent in his tiny two-roomed apartment. Highlight of the

Mr Forniaykh said he owed his return to health to a new cure, gleaned from an article in the popular Moskovski Komsomolets newspaper.

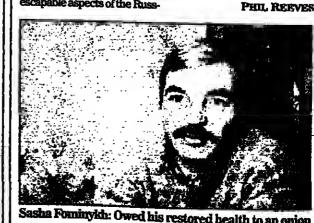
The paper had two suggestions. The first was to hang a pair of dirty socks around your neck, but he decided that he would rather remain ill than try this. The second involved rubbing the soles of his feet with the juice of a raw onion before going to bed. "It makes the feet sweat a lot, which helps get rid of the fever," he said. The next day he was better.

Another newspaper, Komsomolskaya Pravda, offered a different remedy. "If you are running a temperature, put 50g of onion through a meat grinder, with one tablespoon of vinegar and 60g of honey. Mix it well. Take one teaspoon of the mixture every 30 minutes until you start to feel bet-

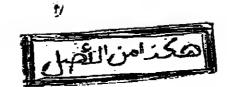
Coughers were advised to cut 20 small onions and a bead of garlic into small pieces, boil them together in milk, and eat them once an hour with added honey. You are, I suspect, raising

a scornful eyebrow, But you mock at your peril

When I asked Olga, a Russian colleague, for some other examples of anti-flu remedies, she provided an account of how Marshal Georgy Zhukov, hero of Stalingrad in the Second World War, threw off a nasty bout by galloping across the Russian landscape for several miles wearing a burku - a felt coat.



missal. When he tried to fight for suggests Dr Chee has already five-year ban on running for Defending Dr Chee in court his job he became involved in a scored a minor victory. parliament. He says if he is Evolution invests some with an enviable peace of mind. The Laguna Alizé with 2 years' free servicing and 0% finance. Every now and then evolution throws us a bit of a curve buil The Renault Laguna Alize hatchback and estate, for example, come with 2 years' free servicing' and 2 years' 0% finance. Total peace of mind in a brutal dog ear dog world. Naturally you're thinking there has to be some trade off. Wrong. The Alize has all the creature comforts you'd expect, like an-con, ABS, a 60 watt CO player, driver's airbag, electric sonroot and side impact protection sers, it you're finding all that hard to swallow, wast until you near this. The Laguna Alize 16V will cost you from For more information call 0890 525150. The New Laguna RENAULT aded retail price on the most, current at time of going to proce, includes 17.5% WM, delivery in the depict, number pinkes, security wit no non-thought I manus controls and constrained by 3144 March 1999, Without materials a possibility on strongs, Caroli facilities consistent And hard lesses and first registration to or EZS. Other posts or services supplied by unsuppressed behaves the continuous and design are not suched. "Finance effect, solicut to status, applies to my now thought supplies and continuous and design are not suched." Finance effect, solicut to status, applies to my now thought supplies and the continuous and design are not suched. "Finance effect, solicut to status, applies to my now thought supplies and the continuous and design and the continuous and design and the continuous and the continuous and design and the continuous and t



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BUSINESS

BRIEFING

Industry contracting sharply

BRITAIN'S MANUFACTURING industry contracted sharply in January, according to a new survey, suggesting that recent talk of recovery in the sector could be premature. The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) found that the rate of decline in manufacturing activity accelerated in January. Employment in the sector also fell. The figures boosted hopes of another cut in UK interest rates at this week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting. Further evidence of weakness in consumer expenditure also fanned rate speculation. Consumer credit halved between November and December to £700m.

£6.5m for William HIII executives



THE TWO top executives at William Hill are to share a £6.5m bonus from the March flotation of the UK's second largest bookmaker, it emerged yesterday. John Brown, the chief executive (left), and Bob Lambert. the finance director, will receive £3.2m each from the Japanese bank Nomura, the company's present owner, for bringing the bookmaker to the market.

Another 150 employees will share a windfall of £13.8m from the float, which is expected to value William Hill at up to £525m. Nomura said it would use part of its profits from the sale, set to total £170m, to pay for the

Inchcape sells bottling business

INCHCAPE, which last March announced a programme of disposals aimed at converting the business into a specialist motor distribution company, has agreed to sell its soft-drink bottling interests in Chile and Peru to Embotelladora Arica of Chile for £457m in cash. Coca-Cola, which owns a 17 per cent stake in Arica, will underwrite the deal. The bottling businesses made operating profits of £20m last year. The price includes £37m in cash but the net proceeds are substantially greater than the market forecast of around £330m and Inchcape shares rose 13p to 149.5p.

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Banks feel heat as Paribas and Société Générale merge

BY ANDREW GARFIELD Financial Editor

PRESSURE FOR consolidation among Europe's big banks intensified yesterday after France's Société Générale and Paribas yesterday tied the knot on a 15bn euro (£10.2bn) allshare merger to create the world's fourth largest banking

Immediately the deal was struck the architects of the new deal held out a hand to other potential merger partners, triggering speculation that a further merger deal with either Britain's Barclays bank or Wall Street investment house Merrill Lynch could follow yesterday's

Daniel Bouton, the chief executive of Société Générale and vice-president of the combined bank, said yesterday: "We were looking to something that would consolidate the bank's stronghold in France but would also be open to a diversity of parties."

Yesterday's French merger comes barely a fortnight after Spain's Banco Santander and Banco Central Hispano merged to create a new 30bn euro giant on the French banks' doorstep, and only weeks after Germany's Deutsche Bank cemented a Transatiantic deal with Bankers Trust of the US.

The SocGen/Paribas deal leaves Banque Nationale de Paris, the privatised French bank that had recently made its own merger overtures to. Paribas, particularly vulnerable.

There was speculation that sterday's merger would leave BNP little choice but to either succumb to a merger approach from BBV of Spain, or go for Barcleys - the British clearing bank that has yet to find a replacement for Martin Taylor, the chief executive who quit the Générale is dropping its combank in dramatic circum- plaint to the European Comstances ut December

Benson, the City investment



chairman of Paribas, celebrate the £10.2bn merger in Paris yesterday

banks will be offered shares in

the combined SG Paribas on the

basis of five SocGen shares for

eight Paribas. That represents

a premium of 17 per cent over

over the past three weeks.

the average Paribas share price

The banks are to take a

merger provision of one billion

euros to cover redundancies

and the costs of integrated com-

puter systems. They anticipate

merger savings of 800m euros

and Andre Levy-Lang, the

Paribas chairman who is to as-

sume the chairmanship of the

combined group until 2002, in-

sisted there would be no "forced

redundancies" and that any

headcount reductions would be

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However, both Mr Boaton

a year by 2001.

bank, has close ties with BNP but resisted efforts by successive French governments to persuade it to go the next step and merge with the French

Significantly, yesterday's merger brings Societé Générale and Parihas up to roughly level pegging with Britain's Barclays and National Westminister Bank in terms of market worth, as well as its rival BNP.

SG Parihas said it was still interested in being allowed to participate as a core share-holder in Credit Lyonnais, which is being privatised this spring. To this end Société mission about the government -OUT OF HE FIVE

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THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BANKS

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fresh wave of iob cutbacks

City braced for

THE CITY was last night preparing for a further jobs shakeout following the £10bn "streamlining" overseas, banking merger between Société Générale and Paribas, which is the latest in a series of deals that are dramatically altering the landscape of Lon-

don's financial district. "It is going to be a very bloody affair," one City banker warned last night. "There is so much overlap

At least 500 jobs are expected to be axed as a result of the SG Paribas deal, where the biggest overlap is in the equities and fixed-interest divisions.

Hundreds more head office jobs will also go now that AXA, the French insurer has claimed victory in the auction for British insurance group Guardian Royal Exchange with a £3.5bn

Further jobs cuts are planned by Barclays, the high street bank, which is to axe hundreds of staff in a £300m restructuring of its retail businesses Barclays is reorganising re-

tail, its most profitable division, with a new structure based around two distinct areas catering for mass market and so-called high net worth individuals replacing the tradi-tional emphasis on products.

Announcing their merger to create the world's fourth largest banking group, the heads of Societe Générale and Paribas sought to play down the prospect of large-scale redunted there would be some

"streamlining" overseas, in an effort to yield a targeted 800m euro of savings by 2001. The banks believe that as a

result of the merger they can cut the amount they have to set aside to finance their investment banking activities to a third of their group equity cap-ital, while maintaining or even boosting the amount of business they are able to do.

Although there is little direct overlap in France, where Paribas, as a mainly business and wholesale bank, has no retail branch network to get in the way of SocGen's, there is considerable duplication in investment banking. One source estimated that in

London, where the two banks together employ around 4,500. the cost in terms of jobs could be as much as 500 alone. Tough bargaining will also take place in New York where SocGen recently added Cowen, the US investment boutique, to its stable in a \$600m deal. "There is a 30-40 per cent overlap," said John Leonard, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney.

In London the overlap is particularly acute in equities, where both Paribas and SG have invested heavily over recent years. Paribas which has a strong position in the Eurobond market, has a clear edge in fixed income and asset management. But in the merger advisory business, especially in the dancies. However, they admit- UK, SG has a stronger position.

Millennium bug | Sky facing Man U trade-off 'could end Wall Street bull run'

THE MILLENNIUM bug could By JEREMY WARNER prove to be the shock that ends Wall Street's 12-year bull market, a senior US economist warned yesterday.

Edward Yardeni, chief economist of Deutsche Bank Securittes in the US, told participants at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that a build-up of negative news on the year 2000 problem might cause stock markets to dive

Separately, Scott McNealy, chief executive of Sun Microsystems, said that Asian companies making PCs and computer components lagged the US and Europe by several years in dealing with the bug.

Advising consumers to "buy lots of computers in the second half of this year," he warned of severe supply problems after the turn of the century. We believe Asia is way, way

behind." Mr McNealy said at the WEF annual meeting. "Intel, Sun and Hewlett Packard have done quite similar surveys of their supply base in Asia and they confirm the region is significantly behind in dealing with the problem.

However, the effects of the

topping 1.2 billion shares.

Engineers were again in demand

as bid stories swirled around with

in Davos, Switzerland

the press. There were bound to be some problems, he conceded, but he did not foresee a gen-

eral systemic breakdown. Mr Yardeni predicted a build-up of bad news on the bug from June onwards as companies began to make their SEC filings on whether they were millennium bug compliant. There are already 34 mil-

lennium bug lawsuits outstanding in the US and we'll see a lot more of that," he said. Mr Yardeni said he thought the present euphoria in Internet stocks was symptomatic of "one

of the greatest speculative bubbles on Wall Street of all time". "If the stock market dives, which I think it will do in the second half of this year, then it will take the US consumer and

economy with it," he warned. "I don't know when exactly it will top, but I have no problem at all with lightening up and taking profits right now," he added

A number of executives from the computer and Internet industries said that they thought bug were played down by Bill the frenzy in Internet stocks Gates, head of Microsoft, who was casting a cloud over legitsaid he thought the problem imate high-growth companies.

BRITISH SKY Broadcasting is By PETER THAL LARSEN

under pressure from the comnetition authorities to give up its exclusive grip on Premier League television rights as a condition for its £623m takeover of Manchester United being allowed to go ahead.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which is preparing a report on the takeover, has written to BSkyB and Manchester United with a suggestion that the broadcaster does not buy rights to matches that it does not intend to broadcast.

The clause is one of a number which the MMC is thinking

waving through the BSkyB-Manchester United takeover. The watchdog is due to deliver Trade and Industry Secretary. by March 12.

At the same time, industry experts believe the clause could provide the basis for a compromise in the dispute between the Office of Fair Trading and the Premier League, which is currently being heard in front of the Restrictive Practices

The OFT which accuses the Premier League of behaving as of insisting upon in return for a cartel, wants to increase the

with the Premier League allows it to broadcast 60 live matches its report to Stephen Byers, the a season. Because the arrangement is exclusive, the other 320 matches are not shown.

If the MMC insists on the condition, BSkyB would either have to expand massively its coverage of Premier League matches or agree to allow other broadcasters to televise matches. City analysts said that, with the explosion in the number of channels as a result of digital television, BSkyB

could increase its coverage.

However, lawyers for BSkyB

amount of live football on are resisting the condition by arguing that it would make it al-BSkyB's current contract most impossible to put a value on the contract. At the moment, BSkyB chooses the matches it wants to show several months The Premier League is also

resisting the move. It argues that increasing the number of games on television would cause fedure chaos. Uefa, the body that oversees European football, prevents Premier League matches from being televised at the same time as matches in other leagues are being played. As a result, television matches would have to be moved from Saturday

Brazil currency oversold, says Soros

tional financier, yesterday gave the struggling Brazilian cur-rency a helping hand when he argued that the recent sell-off of the real had been overdone.

Speaking at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Mr Soros said: The currency was overvalued, but the currency, if anything, is now undervalued." However, Mr Soros empha-

sised the severity of the crisis in Brazil, saying that swift action by the International Monetary Fund was needed.

GEORGE SOROS, the interna- By LEA PATERSON

He said: "Brazil is in a very acute situation because on Friday you effectively had the beginning of a rum on the banks and a run on the currency."

Mr Soros' remarks helped psychologically important barrier of 2 reals to the dollar. Market sentiment towards

Brazil was also given a boost by the arrival in Brasilia of Stanley Fischer deputy IMF managing director. Mr Fischer's decision to lend his weight to negotiations ment from President Bill Clin-

ian authorities sparked specu-

lation about an early release of the second tranche of November's \$42bn rescue package. IMF officials and the Brazil-

ian authorities now hope to hammer out by Wednesday the real to climb back above the new conditions for the release of the funds. The original loan terms were breached three weeks ago when the government devalued the real.

Hopes of a speedy resolution to the Brazilian crisis - coupled

between the fund and the Brazil- ton - sent the dollar climbing against the euro.

The euro sank to a record low of \$1.1286 after President Clinton - who yesterday proposed to boost spending on defence, education and healthcare in a \$1.77 trillion budget forecast that the US economy would remain strong.

Evidence from the National Association of Purchasing Managers of a pick-up in the manufacturing sector underlined the strength of the US with an upbeat Budget state- economy against the euro-zone,

AROUND THE WORLD'S MARKETS

LONDON NEW YORK

US STOCKS were mixed with SHARES romped ahead, encouraged by another round of traders unnerved by recent comments about the over-valuation

corporate activity and hopes the of high technology companies. Monetary Policy Committee will In afternoon trade, the Dow lower interest rates on Thursday. Jones was trading up 35.01 Footsie gained 116.4 points to 6,012.4 and supporting shares were points - or 0.37 per cent - at strong, with the mid cap index 9,393.84. The Nasdaq was marginally higher at 2,520.47, up almost 100 higher at 5,121.8. Trading was busy with furnover

14.58 points or 0.58 per cent. One dealer said: "Shares are not grossly overvalued but we are stretching the overvaluation Weir, up 25.5p to 232p, on talk of a US strike. Derek Pain, page 17

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THE BENCHMARK Nikkei 225 average closed marginally lower amid profit taking ahead of the fiscal year end on 31 March. The Nikkei closed down 34.07 points - or 0.23

per cent - at 14,465.18. Market sentiment was hit by doubts over the feasibility of government plans to buy stocks to stabilise the faltering Japanese market. One dealer said: "Uncertainty as to whether the government will be able to implement plans by the end of March bas

made buyers cautious."

SAO PAULO

BRAZILIAN shares rose sharply yesterday after the Brazilian real stablised above the crucial 2 reais the dollar barrier. In afternoon trade, the benchmark Bovespa index climbed 4.7 per cent - or 384.69 points - to 8.556.25. Traders said the arrival of in Brazil of Stanley Fischer, deputy IMF managing director, had boosted hopes of an early release of the second tranche of a \$42bn rescue package. The real stabilised at around 1.97 to the dollar.

SHARES closed at a new high for the year, with banks leading the climbers

amid intense merger speculation. The benchmark CAC 40 index closed up 52.12 points - or 1.23 per cent - at 4,303.92 after SocGen and Paribas announced plans to join forces to form the world's fourth largest bank.

Dealers noted heavy arbitraging in Paribas shares - priced at a 17 per cent premium to the market under the terms of the SocGen deal, Paribas closed 9.7 per cent higher, while shares in SocGen sank 3.2 per cent.

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GRE faces revolt on French deal



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Lord Hambro, chairman of GRE (left) and Lord Douro, chairman of Sun Life and Provincial Holdings, in the City yesterday after the agreed deal was announced

BY ANDREW VERITY AND ANDREW GARFIELD News Analysis: AXA has claimed victory in the battle for the British insurer after its £3.4bn bid was agreed. But some shareholders believe a better offer was available

A SHAREHOLDER revolt was threatened last night after AXA, the French insurance giant, claimed victory in the battle for the British insurer Guardian Royal Exchange with a £3.4bn agreed hid.

As AXA was toasting the endorsement of GRE's board for its 389p-a-share cash-andpaper offer, some shareholders questioned whether the deal represented the best offer. given that another group, Eureko, had tabled what seemed a more attractive

Under the AXA offer, each shareholders had become GRE share will be worth 249p in cash and 0.243 new shares tired of waiting for things to turn up at GRE - particularly in Sun Life & Provincial Holdafter results like yesterday's, ings, the London-listed comwhich showed a plunge in pany which is majority-owned by AXA.

GRE's board, aiready under fire for the way it has handled the three-month auction, ran into immediate criticism from shareholders, who believed better offers were available. The market too, appeared to shy away from the deal, pricing GRE's shares at 360p.

"If the board have recommended an offer from AXA when there is a higher offer on the table, then we need to know why," said one institu- AXA.

tional shareholder, who declined to be named. "The fact advisers, Morgan Stanley, feel that GRE's share price has they have done well to get this much for a company which, fallen to 360p says it all." Another said: "The situation before the auction began last November, was judged by the is not yet closed. It is still open for Eureko to come hack with market to be worth barely £3 a share.

According to sources close Nevertheless, some shareholders believe they have a to the deal, AXA's hid of 389p gripe. While the AXA/Sun Life was chosen over the rival Royal and SunAlliance hid beoffer valued the GRE shares at cause the latter was unable to 389p when the markets opened yesterday morning, by late afternoon the Sun Life offer a full cash alternative and some shareholders were unshares had come off 10 per willing to take its paper. Part of the reason was that

Because of the paper ele-

GRE's board and its ment, the value of the AXA offer was closer to 378p. Yesterday there was still a

possibility that Eureko might come back with a hard cash offer, something which would please the discontented shareholders. However, Schroders, the biggest shareholder, is in favour of the AXA deal.

"The auction has been conducted fairly," said Schroders' Jim Cox. "You have to remember that this is a business with employees and cus-Mark Wood, chief execu-tive of Sun Life & Provincial, tomers and there is a limit to how long the uncertainty can yesterday said he expected

John Robins, GRE's chief job losses "in the hundreds, executive, yesterday declined not the thousands" from a combined UK staff of around to answer questions on the deal, which will see him leave Savings of around £50m the group over a year ahead of

office costs, closing duplicated branches and slashing corpo-Mr Robins appeared op-posed to a deal as recently as rate expenses. last summer, arguing that The deal represents a vic-GRE had a good future as an tory for AXA and spells independent group focusing on humiliation for two rival hidprotection insurances such as ders, the British competitor Royal & SunAlliance and health insurance and critical Eureko, the consortium of

> includes Friends Provident. Sun Life & Provincial holding company will only keep the UK and Ireland operations, worth £1.88bn.

nine European insurers which

would come from cutting head

It has already arranged to sell GRE's US property and casualty companies to Liberty Mntual, a US insurer, for

GRE's German husiness, GRE Albingia, will be sold to AXA's German division, AXA Colonia, for a further £588m. Some of the proceeds of the sale will be used to pay off nearly £300m in foreigndenominated debt.

If the deal is approved by shareholders, it will mark another giant leap in the French business.

group's ambition to beat rivals such as Allianz, Aegon and Generali as Europe's dominant insurer.

The deal will make AXA the third largest general in-surer in the UK, hehind CGU and Royal & SunAlliance. hoosting the amount it nttracts in general insurance premiums from £500m to £1.7bn.

It will hold the number two position in private health insurance - through Guardian's ownership of PPP - and the number three position in UK life insurance. AXA, already one of the world's biggest investment managers, will also have £55bn to manage in the UK alone

The BIFU finance union yesterday welcomed the deal. citing assurances from AXA that the job losses would be in the hundreds. Had Royal & SunAlliance won out, the union feared up to 5,000 job

But for customers, yesterday's deal may not prove as welcome.

Andy Homer, the future chief executive of AXA's general insurance arm, yesterday indicated that the group would soon start to raise motor insurance premiums in an effort to improve profits at the

IN BRIEF

House prices rising again

HOUSE PRICES mee by 0.5 per cent in January, according to a monthly index published by Halifax. The average price for a UK home is now £73,466, up from £73,129 in December. Halifax said the rise largely offsets two successive falls in November and Decomber, when prices tumbled 0.8 per

Golf ball sale

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS, the Glasgow-based retailing and transport group, has sold Penfold Golf, its loss-making golf-ball business, to Seoul Nassau of Korea. The sale includes the right to use the Penfold name for golf balls and accessories made in Korea. The UK factory, which is in Birmingham, will be closed with the loss of 75 jobs. The business had a turnover of £2.9m and is expected to report a loss of around £150,000 in the year to 29 January, After absorbing closure and redundancy costs Grampian expects to receive around £1m.

Regalian link-up

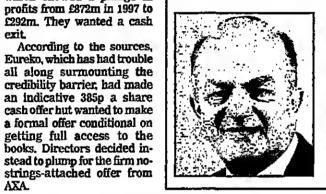
REGALIAN PROPERTIES is to team up with Oakwood, a USbased provider of corporate housing, and Colony Capital. a private investment company, to provide serviced apartments for the London market. The joint company expects to provide up to 200 apartments within a year, rising to 500 units in the near future, to meet the increasing need for housing for expatriates working in the UK and travellers on extended-stay business trips.

Rice under attack

VICTOR RICE, the embattled chief executive of LucasVarity, yesterday came under fire from corporate governance activists over the £17m he would net if the company is sold off to a US bidder. PIRC, the shareholders' rights group, said the size of Mr Rice's payoff was "excessive and not in investors' interests".

Lucas, currently at the centre of a £4bn hid battle between the two American engineers TRW and Federal-Mogul, said the payoff was agreed in the 1980s, before the merger between Lucas and Varity of the US.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SET FOR £1M PAYOFF



JOHN ROBINS, chief executive of Guardian Royal Ex- £550,000 a year. He was due change (left), could depart with a payoff of well over £1m after saying at the weekend he wanted no part in a combined AXA/GRE insurance

Mr Robins, who until last summer was vociferously in favour of GRE remaining independent, is likely to receive two years' salary and

benefits worth around to retire in February 2001.

his February 2001 retirement

illness.

According to last year's annual report from GRE, Mr Robins also held 144,350 shares last March, a holding now worth £545,900, and an annual retirement income of £132.809.

In 1997, he exercised share options, netting a fur-ther £554,000.

National English China Clays Grid in \$1bn **US** deal

BY MICHAEL HARRISON

NATIONAL GRID yesterday strengthened its presence in the US electricity market by agreeing to huy the Bostonbased transmission and supply company Eastern Utilities Associates in a deal worth

£756m.

in terms of market capitalisation

but is a more diversified com-

well as china clay.

The acquisition is being carried out through the much bigger New England Electric System, which National Grid agreed to huy in December for

The purchase price is \$31 a share - a 23 per cent premium to EUA's price in early December before merger speculation began.

National Grid is paying \$634m for EUA and assuming further \$365m in deht.

However, National Grid is expected to recoup about \$180m through sales of unwanted assets such as EUA's combined heat and power generating plants.

Analysts estimated that National Grid would realise savings of at least \$25m a year by merging the transmission and distribution businesses of the two companies, which operate next to each other in the north-east region of the

National Grid said it hoped to receive regulatory and shareholder approval for both the US acquisitions by early

The aim is to complete the

two deals on the same EUA has 300,000 customers and made net profits of \$40m on revenues of \$569m in 1997.

customers. At the time of the NEES deal, National Grid's chief executive, David Jones, made it clear that it was on the lookout for further acquisitions. He said the EUA deal was fully in line with that strategy.

THE BOARD of English China By CLIFFORD GERMAN

agrees Imetal £756m bid

Clays yesterday accepted an increased offer of 2500 a share recommended shareholders acin cash from Imetal, its French cept the increased offer. rival, just three weeks after ECC's management is half-

rejecting an initial offer of 225p. way through a three-year proof cost-saving The new bid gives ECC's ong-suffering shareholders 11 measures aimed at adjusting to per cent more than the first offer. increased competition from low It is 56 per cent higher than the cost china-clay production in market price of the shares be-Brazil, the adverse impact of the fore the first bid was made last strength of sterling, and a conmonth, and values ECC at tinuing low level of demand from the industry's main cus-Imetal is only slightly larger

tomers in the pottery, ceramics and paper producing industries. The merger will create subpany with interests in metals as stantial cost savings and staff numbers at the ECC head office in Reading may be slimmed Dennis Redeker, the ECC's

chief executive, rejected the first bid as opportunistic and inadequate but, in the absence of possible closures and redundancies is expected to fall on the tomers." a white knight, the ECC board

But the main impact of any

two companies' US operations in Georgia. Subject to the ap proval of the supervisory board.

Imetal is also expected to offer jobs to ECC's management. Patrick Kron, the chief executive of Imetal, yesterday saidhe looked forward to welcoming ECC's management and em-

ployees to the combined group: "We believe the enlarged group will become a low-cost producer in the industry, based on a wider product offering, a diversified base of reserves and better levels of research and

product," he said. Lawrence Urguhart, ECC's chairman, said: "I am confident that the combination of our two businesses will also bring significant benefits for bothgroups' employees and cus-

Dixons steps up battle with Tesco on the Net

THE INTERNET battle between Britain's high street retailers took another twist yesterday when Dixons announced plans to cut the helpline charges on its Freeserve service and introduce a financial services channel on its site.

The move comes just days after Tesco unveiled plans to offer free Internet access to the 10 million members of its Club-Card loyalty scheme. Dixons is halving the price

of calls to Freeserve's telephone support line from £1 to 50p per minute. It claimed this was to celebrate Freeserve passing the million customer

But analysts said the move was in response to Tesco's de-cision to price calls to Its

Separately, it is launching a finance channel on Freeserve that will ultimately provide a range of services such as onAssociate City Editor

financial services channel in the country and we are in talks with a number of possible partners about adding other elements to it," said Mark Danby, head of Dixons'

users will be able to check 350 stocks.

Dixons has admitted that the barriers to entry in the free Internet access market are low, and sceptics say the market could eventually be confused, with hundreds of

Tesco's move could signal a wave of copycat launches, although Dixons said its technology-literate customer base and store portfolio give lt a

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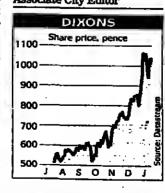
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MicroCap Financial Services CMFSD to add the group's financial information to the Freeserve site. From March Freeserve

share and unit trust prices and look up company backgrounds and expert analysis. Although in the US MFSI specialises in information on small, fast-growing companies, the UK site is expected to offer information on all FTSE

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> was jumping for joy at the merger yesterday. As with the SBC-UBS merger, it is not hard to see where most of the pain will be felt among the 78,000-

it Lyonnais. No wonder the finance

minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn

THE INDEPENDENT



OUTLOOK

strong workforce. The overlaps are mainly in London where both companies run large investment banking operations from sumptuous offices. Paribas may be longer established in the City. But SG has been making up ground fast. It has added the banking division of Hambros to its equities business, Strauss Turnbull, and is bankrolling Nicola Horlick's dream of creating a fund management business with £5bn

under management. The target of £560m in cost sav-

ings within three years gives the management plenty to aim at. Paribas opulent new headquarters in Marylebone may be one early casualty while the wine bars of the City should be filling soon with fixed income dealers and equity analysts drowning their sorrows and looking for new employment.

Inevitably questions will now be asked of that dwindling band of Eu-

outside larger national or transatlantic groupings. Consolidate or die certainly makes for an easy catchphrase. Given the pace of merger activity among Continental banks, there is a danger that Don Cruickshank's review of the UK banking scene could look even more parochial by the time he publishes his conclusi But the UK banking industry is structured in a way that makes it dif-

ficult, if not impossible, to adopt the same national solutions as the Swiss, the French and the Spanish, as the failure of Barclays and NatWest to

was that SG Paribas has ambitions to spread its wings further. There is also talk that Banque Nationale de Paris will be obliged to look overseas for a partner. Sitting on their fat market capitalisations and hemmed in by domestic monopoly constraints, it may be time for the UK clearers to strike pre-emptively across borders.

ropean banks which still remain Tax loopholes IT SAYS a lot about the complexity of stamp duty reserve tax that mere whisper of it sends even hardened specialists scurrying for cover. Yet, arcane as it may be, it is a nice little earner for the Exchequer Projected revenues of £2.4bm for the 1998-99 financial year were enough to prompt an Inland Revenue swoop at the weekend to plug a loophole that was in danger of looking like a yawn-

What was a dark corner of the tax world was suddenly bathed in light, when BP and Amoco escaped pay-

The word from Paris yesterday ing \$800m in duty during their merger last year by issuing new shares as foreign currency bearer shares instead of American Depositary Reccipts, through which US investors usually deal in UK equities. The saving arose because the bearer shares were made exempt from the 1.5 per cent stamp duty reserve tax in 1989 in order to assist companies wanti-

> The Revenue says that, while this purpose will continue to be allowed, it has cracked down on transactions which the legislation was not designed to cover. However, though the ruling applies from midnight last Friday, it is apparent that it has failed to stop similar tax savings by two other high-profile cross-border deals involving UK companies - the \$35bn merger of pharmaceutical company Zeneca and its Swedish rival, Astra, and Vodafone's \$62bn purchase of

ng to borrow overseas.

AirTouch. In taking this swift action, Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, is probably on to a winner. Though the tax hauls are large.

the sums are unlikely to be enough to - by themselves - to stem the tide of cross border mergers.

Hence, the Chancellor can look forward to a steady and easily collected revenue flow - which is presumably why the Conservatives never got around to acting on the plan announced in 1990 to abolish stamp duty on shares and securities all together. Some globally-minded chief executives may complain it puts the UK at a disadvantage. But if a merger can only be made to work becau of its tax efficiencies, then it is almost certainly not worth doing in the first

BAe/Marconi

ONE OF the secondary complications of the British Aerospace-Marconi merger is what to do with procurement contests where the two companies are currently bidding in competition with one another Right now there are several major proand Marconi are members of rival consortia. Thus, we had the spectacle yesterday of BAe and Lockheed receiving £90m of taxpayer's money to develop a new stealthy armoured reconnaissance vehicle while BAe in the shape of Marconi received the a similar amount to help GKN devel-

op a rival demonstrator vehicle. There are two other big defence contracts where BAe is competing with itself using taxpayers funds. One is a new military satellite communications system. The other is a new airborne stand-off radar.

Awkward though the situation is. BAe says that it is not without precedent. Marconi also ended up competing against itself to build the latest Astute class of nuclear-powered submarines after it bought the only rival bidder, VSEL.

BAe says solemnly that where it bidding against itself. Chinese Walls will be strictly observed. But taxpayers will wonder if they are being shortchanged while BAe's partners have even more grounds for

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THE ACCOUNTANCY profession is braced for swingeing ac-Rice under atta tion against the world's biggest firm today, when its most senior watchdog is expected to deliver its long-awaited report on Coopers & Lybrand's role as auditor of the late Robert Maxwell's business empire.

Coopers, now part of PriceaterhouseCoopers, could be iorced to pay buge fines, while the four partners who were investigated by the profession's Joint Disciplinary Scheme could be expelled from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Accountancy insiders expect that, if any of the parties are found guilty, the punishments will be heavy, in the interests of demonstrating to the public that the profession is determined to take tough disciplinary action if required.

One said that he understood Coopers had been subjected to a tough examination, while another said that, because the Maxwell affair and the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International were two

would be made. Having given the JDS the



Robert Maxwell: £400m pension funds missing

ussions would begin "in the lear luture," writes Nigel Cope.

Shares in Regent jumped

:1p to 191p, with SFI up 13p to

91.5p as analysts speculated

hat rival bidders may enter the

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By ROGER TRAPP

power to levy unlimited fines, the profession has recently produced a blueprint for combining self-regulation with oversight by an independent review board. But members of the profession realise that the Government is watching developments closely and will impose statutory regulation if it is felt, the existing system is not working.

The findings will come more than seven years after Robert Maxwell died, apparently after falling from his yacht in the Canary Islands. His empire of more than 400 companies almost all of which were audited by Coopers - then collapsed, revealing a £400m "black hole" of missing pension funds.

The complaints laid against Coopers by Chris Dickson, executive counsel to the JDS, concern the Maxwell pension funds, Mirror Group Newspapers and the late tycoon's private businesses. One of the complaints said: "Coopers should bave considered whether there was evidence of fraud, other irregularities, defaults or unlawful acts necessitating a report to a proper authority."

Coopers and the partners in-volved have consistently denied any wrongdoing.

Mr Dickson concluded his investigation last summer, and a tribunal consisting of a senior OC and two accountants considered his findings later in

Although the investigation has taken more than seven years to conclude, it could have been delayed still longer if Coopers had succeeded in having it postponed until the completion of a lawsuit claiming that the firm was negligent.

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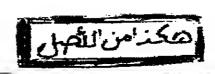
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Amorous bids from France give FTSE life

THE FRENCH connection inspired the stock market. In another session awash with takeover action, Footsie soared 116.4 points to 6.012.4

The proposed Societe Generale banking merger with Paribas, and the Axa descent on insurer Guardian Royal Exchange, dominated proceedings. For good measure English China Clays agreed a £760m offer from the French minerals group, Imetal

The SocGen deal provided a shot in the arm to the domestic banking sector with Barclays 31p higher at 1,391p. and National Westminster Bank 39p higher at 1,155p. The French alliance merely reinforced the belief that European banking parlours will witness some anxious and ultimately fruitful merger negotiations in the next few months.

Axa, it would appear out-bid Royal & Sun Alliance for GRE. Its cash and shares offer comes through Sun Life & Provincial, a 71.6 per cent owned off-shoot. Sun's shares fell 51p to 530p and GRE lost 6.5p to 361p. Royal firmed 21.25p to 483.25p.

PROPERTY ASSET HOLDINGS, an AIMtraded company, seems destined for corporate activity. A major shareholding bas changed hands with Stepben Sinclair acquiring a 29.3 per cent stake and, with Charles Helvert, joining the board. The cash-rich company, with residential properties in West . London, came to market at the back end of 1997 at around 7p. The shares, down 0.25p at 5.5p, have been as low as 3p.

English China Clays shaded 1p to 241p. The French offer is worth 250p a share.

Once again the market enjoyed a busy session with - at 1.2 hillion. The takeover fever enlivened non-Footsie shares with the mid cap index up 97.6 to 5,121.8 and the small cap 23,4 higher at 2,154.6.

The prospect of lower interest rates after this week's Monetary Policy Committee meeting was another influence encouraging the market's strength. A firm New York display also belped.

Engineers, for long unwanted, remained in the grip of bid fever. Morgan Crucible, seemingly in free fall before the sector became engulfed in takeover speculation, jumped a further 22p to 227.5p and Weir, with management changes probably contributing, surged 25.5p to 232p on talk of a US strike. Others enjoying speculative interest included Cookson, 15p to 146.5p, and IMI 23p to 249p.

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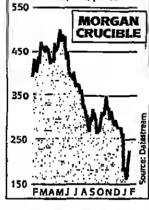
The excitement also extended to builders, where sentiment has been lifted by some good profits displays. Berkeley, up 51p to 492.5p, was said to be looking at Beazer, up 13p to 156p. Barratt Developments was built up 15p to 223,50.

Chemicals also enjoyed the scent of bid action, with Croda International 19p up at 242.5p. Albright & Wilson, which admitted the presence of hovering predators on Friday, rose 5p to 104.5p in busy trading. There is talk of an offer coming in at 130p although the shares were near 200p last

Tetra, an IT group, was one to actually collect an approach. The shares surged 56p to 243.5p after the company admitted talks. And Delphi, another computer group, was on the bid screen, once it confirmed a potential predator, romping ahead 110p to 485p.

Dixons Motors, 16.5p to 117p, and Fitness First, 18p to

SHARE SPOTLIGHT share price, pence



376.5p, were also caught in the bid euphoria. National Grid. announcing its expected strike at US group Eastern Utilities,

firmed 5.75p to 500p. On the pubs pitch Regent Inns frothed ahead 21p to 191p after merger talks with Surrey Free Inns were confirmed

SFI rose 13p to 191.5p. Corporate activity was also chalked up by Inchcape, up 13p to 149.5p, by the sale of its South American soft drink side for £457m; Glynwed International, 14p higher at 186.5p, on the £19m disposal of its plastics side, and Pilkington Tiles, 1.5p better at 11.75p following the purchase of Woolliscroft Tiles for £1.55m.

COMPANY RESULTS

32.0p (21.2p) 13.50p (14.55p) 0.11p(-1.29p)

*343p (319p) 1.27p (-+ -6.23p (-0.14p)

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BTR and Siebe, in the final

Dividend

0.15p (-) 0.40p (1.85p) 1.15p (1.15p)



DEREK

throes of their merger, topped the Footsie leader board. BTR rose 14.25p to 123p and Siebe 24.5p to 229.5p. The dual advance was thought to be due to the expectation that some bullish assessments will appear on the new engineering giant once the deal is finally concluded this week.

Tesco improved 4.75p to 192p as it caught the web bug with a free Internet service. Dixons, which has surfed to new highs on its Internet involvement, was at one time down 35p. But such is the appeal of the World Wide Web that it threw off the Tesco influence, as well as a downgrading by HSBC, to end with a 29.5p plus at 1.039.5p.

Rogue trades reappeared on the computerised order book and there appeared to be no evidence they were cancelled. Deals were recorded in Burmah at 866p and 668p with the shades ending at 787p, up 4p. Reuters closed 28.5p higher at 952p.

Profit warnings and disappointing trading performance were, as ever, in the forefront of the day's proceedings. Tex-

JOHNSTON, the building materials group, held at 310p as aggressive engineering conglomerate TT lifted its shareholding to 13.32 per cent,

seemingly buying shares from Newton Investment Management. A bid looks inevitable.

TT, a steady buyer of the building material group's shares, fell 4p to 156p, a 12-month low. Johnston shares, a narrow market, touched 345p last year but have been as high as

tile group Worthington was ripped 14p to 30p after warning of lower profits, and Whittard of Chelsea reported lower interim profits and said year's figures would not reach year's record - sending the shares 1.5p lower to 62.5p. Furniture retailer Uno

dropped 7.5p to 33.5p after running into losses and leisure chain Break for the Border slipped 4.5p to 37p on a flat trading statement. Quality Software fell 15p to 325p but denied stories of a profits warning.

Hanson rose 21p to 413.25p with WestLB Panmure suggesting a 470p target, and Northern Foods put on 5.5p to 118.5p after Warburg Dillon

Read provided support. Aukett Associates, a building design practice, jumped 2p to 9.25p. highest for three years, after an upbeat statement from chairman Gerry

SEAQ VOLUME: 1.2bn SEAQ TRADES: 86,955 GILTS: 116.78 -0.24

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INVESTMENT

William Hill valued at Uno cuts dividend £525m for March float after £1.7m loss

WILLIAM HILL, the UK's second By FRANCESCO GUERRERA largest bookmaker, yesterday jumped the last hurdle in the race to the stockmarket when it £500m to a more manageable revealed that its March flotation £375m, with around £112m tied would value the group at up to

William Hill, which is being sold by the Japanese bank Nomura at a profit of around £170m, plans to sell 300m shares at a price of between 155p and 175p, valuing the company at £465m to £525m. Including debt, the group will have a total value around £900m.

The final price will be set at the end of the month, with dealings expected to start on 1 March. According to the prospectus released yesterday, up to 10 per cent of the offering is earmarked for retail investors and it has already received 80,000 enquiries. However, small investors will have to buy at least £1,000 worth of shares - a level that is likely to deter many of William Hill's customers.

But for those who can afford it, William Hill looks like a reasonably safe bet. Its main strength is the ability of its 1,500 shops to generate high cash flow. City analysts believe that this

will enable the company to fund the development of the business and guarantee a healthy level of dividends to shareholders. Cash, and the proceeds of the

controls Gatwick and Heathrow,

said yesterday that it expects the

public inquiry on proposals for

a controversial fifth terminal at

Heathrow to be completed in the

However, the report on the

inquiry could take another year

pushing back the earliest

completion date of the terminal

The news accompanied solid

third-quarter passenger traffic

figures from BAA, together with

stable retail revenue and

passenger numbers on the

Heathrow Express link to 12,000

per week in the run-up to

Pre-tax profits were 6 per

cent ahead at £440m, with air

passenger traffic up by 7.4 per

Christmas.

to 2006, the company said.

next few months.

BAA, THE airports operator that BY NIGEL COPE

down debt from the current up in high-yield bonds.

Another bullish point about William Hill, bought by Nomura just 16 months ago from the ailing conglomerate Brent Walker for £700m, is its market-leading position in telephone betting Unlike the traditional paper

slips, phone bets yield a higher margin because of the lower fixed costs and transaction expenses. Telephone betting, alongside numbers' games such as Lucky Choice, will be the main driver of growth in the next few years. With 41 per cent of the market and around 140,000 accounts, William Hill is well placed to benefit from growth in this section of the market.

However, the outlook for William Hill's betting shops, which account for the bulk of the company's turnover, is bleaker. Most experts forecast minimal or no underlying growth in betting shops' revenue as the market is near saturation and suffering from competition with the National Lottery.

With Internet betting still a long way from becoming a sizeable contributor to earnings, some analysts see William Hill's reliance on betting shops as a flotation, will also belp to bring drawback. The other threat to count to the market and to

Associate City Editor

cent to 88 million in the nine

months to 31 December. Stanst-

ed was again the star among

BAA's seven airports with

passenger numbers up by a

record 30 per cent. BAA has

been belped by the airline price

hattle, which has boosted the

number of bolidaymakers as

tail revenue, which had been hit

by the decline in the number of

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was up by 7.4 per cent on the

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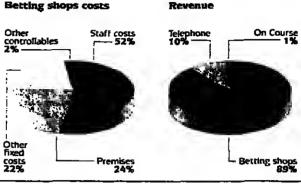
during the quarter.

This has helped stabilise re-

airlines fight to fill seats.

WILLIAM HILL: AT A GLANCE

Estimated market value: £465-525m, share price 155-175p Trading record 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 Turnover (£bn) 1.65 1.67 1.80 1.82 1.88 Profit for the year (£m) 58 Earnings per share (p) Dividends per share (p) 5.2 6.1 *forecast by Worburg Dullon Read



William Hill shares is the chance of a sudden rise in betting and levy duty - two of the main drains on the company's resources. Experts pointed out that William Hill could be hit hard from unexpected tax rises.

Broker Warburg Dillon Read is forecasting a profit before exceptionals of £91m for 1999. putting the shares on a forward multiple of 11 to 12.5, depending on the final price. This is a dis-

share price, pence

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passive retail landlord, BAA

has been adding its own stores

in several airports. These have

included Cigar House, The Wine

Collection and The Golf Shop, in

addition to the more established

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William Hill's main competitors, the market leader Ladbroke and the fourth-largest chain Stanley Leisure, even though valuations are clouded by Ladroke's hotels business and

Stanley's casino operations. Bruce Jones, leisure analyst at Merrill Lynch, said the shares were worth a punt but investors should not expect spectacular growth. "This will be a dull but worthy stock with a bit of added spice from telephone betting." BAA set for Terminal 5 decision

However, there was no news

on one of the key issues for BAA

- the proposed abolition of duty

free shopping within the Euro-

pean Union by the end of June.

There has been talk of a possi-

ble delay to the ban but no an-

Analysts say the loss of duty-

free revenue is not as big an

issue for BAA as for the ferry op-

erators. BAA will be able to

make up most of the lost rev-

enue via a 70p per passenger in-crease in landing charges that

vill be phased in over two years.

nouncement has been made.

BY NIGEL COPE

UNO, the furniture retailer that also controls the World of Leather stores, has cut its half year dividend after reporting a plunge into loss at the interim stage as sales continue to weaken.

Same-store sales in the 10 weeks since November are down by 30 per cent on the

same period last year. The company said that footfall at its stores had fallen sharply as customers demon-strated "an unwillingness to

spend". Losses reached £1.7m in the six months to 7 November. compared with profits of £0.4m last time. The interim payout was cut to 0.4p against 1.85p last year.

The weak figures pushed Uno's shares down 18 per cent to 33.5p. This values the company at £6m and with the board holding more than 40 per cent of the shares has caused speculation about the future independence of the

company. Paul Rosenblatt, chairman and chief executive, said that Uno was "committed to remaining as a public company," but the group could seek a merger as a way of restoring

Although there was a net casb outflow of almost £9m in the balf, the company is expected to have net cash of around £2m by the year end. The current share price is also underpinned by freehold property holdings . Uno's problems are mainly

sectoral. Furniture is probably the weakest part of the troubled retail sector, with fear of recession causing consumers to defer larger purchases. Uno is also up against strong sales comparisons last Management has cut costs

by £4m and says a new bead office, which combined Uno and World of Leather, will lead to efficiencies. On SG Securities' reduced

On BT Alex.Brown's full-year forecast of £485m the shares full-year profit forecast of £1m, up 42p to 765p yesterday - trade the shares trade on a forward on a forward multiple of 21. rating of nine. With the bad news on duty free There could be value

the shares are rated a solid hold. to rush.

shopping already in the price, further out hut there is no need

beautiful game

1 WAS delighted to see Lord Douro posing for photogra-phers by the statue of the Duke of Wellington in front of the Royal Exchange, to mark GRE's sale to AXA.

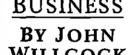
Lord Douro, chairman of AXA's UK arm, Sun Life & Provincial, is the great-greatgreat grandson of the original victor of Waterloo, and heir to the

title. The French obviously don't have any problem with this. Just to show what a bunch of Anglophiles they are, AXA/Sun Life sponsor the FA Cup. Normally the companies that sponsor sports events do so because their chief executives are mad

about the sport concerned. Not in this case. I am reliably assured that Mark Wood, chief executive of Sun Life, knows nothing about footy and cares even less.

It was purely a commercial decision, to raise the company's profile, according to a source close to the Duke's statue.

The spirit of the PEOPLE AND BUSINESS



WILLCOCK



CSFB wise man To the rescue

Though often considered a Whiskys of the World.

ANGLO-FRENCH relations seem to be blossoming. Didier Pineau-Valencienne is joining Credit Suisse First Boston in London as vice-chairman of the investment bank's European business, after 18 years as bead of Schneider, a French manu-

facturer of electrical equipment. Mr Pineau-Valencienne's appointment has less to do with his investment banking expertise considerable - than with his impeccable euro-connections in the boardrooms that matter. He currently sits on the

boards of AXA, Rhone Poulenc and Sema Group and is also a "Conseiller" of the Banque de France. (I think that's French for "wise man".)

tional company rescues and

insolvencies, Chris Mallon, has

moved from City law firm Bid-

dle & Co to its rival Freshfields.

leading legal figures sorting out

the affairs of BCCL, the corrupt

bank that crashed eight years

ago. He's considered quite a

catch by Freshfields, as the

role of British experts in rescu-

ing international companies

Freshfields' restructuring and

insolvency group, says Mr Mal-

lon's arrival should "strengthen

Peter Bloxham, head of

seems to be taking off.

Mr Mallon was one of the

Profit is good

THE DEATH of accountancy was declared last week in the home of the profession itself the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Moorgate, London. ONE OF the Square Mile's lead-The occasion was the launch ing legal experts on multina-

solvent. I am told.

of the "Association of Profit Advisers". Mark Lloydbottom, chief executive of the association, declared: "Traditional accountancy services are seen as parasitic, taking advantage of statutory auditing and accounting requirements without adding any value." "Parasitic"? Surely the ac-

countants wouldn't stand for that. In the event the bean counters lapped it up. Nick Hamilton, former chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants and partner in medium size firm Hereward Philips, welcomed the new association the firm's specialisation in fi-nancial institutions. The firm dirty word". and added: "Profit used to be a

has a close relationship with the How to impress The Bank itself is perfectly

IF YOU produce a dog-eared business card, the person receiving it will assume you are "untrustworthy" and probably "a salesman". And if you've forgotten to

bring a business card altogether. you will immediately be branded "unprofessional". In contrast if you whisked a crisp card from a "solid silver card case", you will be accept-

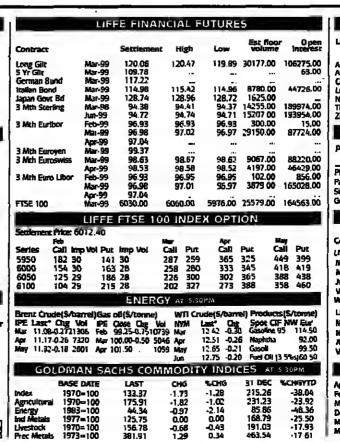
ed as "style conscious, professional and ambitious". These findings come from a survey of 100 lawyers, bankers and directors carried out by a firm which is about to launch a luxury business card case "made from hallmarked sterling

silver, hand enamelled and set

with a 0.45 carat ruby". Yours at £395 a snip. The woman behind the Giavarra card case, Emmannella Giavarra, is an international copyright lawyer. Her reason for launching the case is simple. "My busband gave me a card case and it was - uh - not good enough.

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THE LATEST odds for the Five Nations' Championship are: England evens, France 6-5, Wales 9-1, Ireland 20-1 and Scotland 50-1. England are slightly, though not much, better value than they were a few weeks ago. The biggest surprise, to me at any rate, is that Ireland and Wales have not changed places, in view of Ulster's winning of the European Cup, London Irish's continuing success in English rugby

and the Irish liking for taking a bet. I should have expected the weight of Irish money to make the odds less generous. But then, I am not a betting man or really a gambier at all. For me the pain of losing is greater than the pleasure of winning. As it is such hard work to get hold of the stuff in the first place

- money, I mean - it is silly to give it away to the gentlemen with the big cigars and the Giadstone bags. As far as Ireland are concerned,

the bookies may be wiser than we know. They usually are. Only three of Saturday's triumphant side in Dublin look like appearing there this Saturday in the match against France: Jonathan Bell, David Humphreys and Andy Ward. With Malcolm O'Kelly injured, the same number from Dick Best's London Irish will get in: the back three of Conor O'Shea, Justin Bishop and Niall Woods.

The injury to O'Kelly is not such a hlow to the side as it might have been. Jeremy Davidson, who is by all accounts restored to full vigour at Castres, can move into the

second row to partner Paddy Johns. I must confess that if I were Warren Gatland, Ireland's New Zealand coach (New Zealanders are everywhere these days), I should be tempted to restore Simon Mason to the side for the metronomic kicking that wins matches, and play O'Shea in the centre with Bell.

Yet, in modern rugby the back three are as much a unit as the front row, the back row or the half-backs. O'Shea, Bishop and Woods have been playing so well for London Irish lately that it would he a pity to

break the combination. It is the kind of combination which Graham Henry, Wales' New Zealand coach, does not have at his disposal. His fellow-countryman Shane Howarth, another of those



outhern-hemisphere players who have suddenly discovered a convenient grandparent, is a fine attacking full-back, capable of winning a match on his own. But the wings are

WATKINS

It was even being suggested before yesterday's announcement of the side that Henry would play Allan Bateman on the wing, retaining the Swansea combination of Mark Taylor and Scott Gibbs in the centre. This proposal was typical of Welsh selectors of old that we have come to know and love or, rather, laugh at. In Bateman you are lucky enough to have one of the best centres in Europe, if not the world. And what do you do with him? You play him on the wing, of course. What else?

Anyway, I am glad that Henry has resisted this suggestion, even if the wings he has chosen do not inspire an over-abundance of confidence. Dafydd James is a hig, strong, courageous performer who is a natural centre. He has never

appeared at ease on the wing. Apart half, but that was not Davies' fault. from anything else, he is not fast enough for international rugby. Gareth Thomas, who is injured, is of a similar type but has managed the transition from centre, his

original position, with more success. The other wing, Matthew Robinson, I have not seen. He has been in the Swansea side only a matter of months. I wish him well. but he must count himseli a fortunate young man. I wonder what is going through the mind of that other Swansea wing, Simon Davies. When Swansea last played South Africa, I saw him comprehensively outpace the visitors' defence, not once, but twice in the first half, when Swansea were in the lead. True they

lost by 70-odd points in the second

Davies has never been given a chance of any kind in the Welsh side. The wiseacres said of him, as they say of every really fast wing, that "his defence is suspect". They said it of Davies and Nigel Walker in Wales, of Andrew Harriman in England. They did not say it in Wales of Wayne Proctor, who can also shift. Even so, he is not in Saturday's side either

The truth is that Henry has progressed a certain distance hut no further. He has produced the spine of the side but little more. Still I expect Wales to beat Scotland and France to beat Ireland who, however, remain the good value bet.

I am backing France for the Championship, none the less.

Super Bowl XXXIII: Broncos make it two in a row as Falcons have wings clipped by inspirational quarterback

more doubtful propositions.

Veteran Elway basks in glory

AS SWANSONGS go, this was a BY NICK HALLING compelling finale, Playing what in Miami may be the last game of a glittering 16-year career, John Elway gave one of his most accomplished performances to lead the Denver Broncos to a 34-19 triumph over the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl XXXIII. than the final scoreline suggests, means that the Broncos have successfully defended completed the challenge he set himself last June, when he announced his return for one

final season. Now speculation has already to come back next year to furher enhance his reputation as one of the most inspirational quarterbacks to have ever played the game. "This definitely throws a kink into what I decide to do next year," he said. "But I am not even going to cross that bridge for a while. I'm going to enjoy this win because this is what I have been working nine months for. This

is why I came back." If this is finally the end, Elway signed off with a flourish. He completed 18 of his 29 passing attempts for 336 yards and a touchdown, hut more significant than the numbers was the manner in which he dismantled Atlanta's imposing defence: the Falcons simply could not find a way to stop him. To nobody's surprise, Elway was a unanimous choice of the game's Most Valuable Player.

Atlanta came into the contest as underdogs, but full of confidence in their ability to spring an upset. Those hopes appeared justified when they took the opening kick-off and drove impressively down the field. The running back Jamal Anderson made a bright start, gaining 24 yards on five carries as the Falcons penetrated deep

into Denver territory. They were unable to score a touchdown, however, settling instead for a 32-yard field goal from Morten Andersen.

Elway's response was swift. Shannon Sharpe and another to Rod Smith saw Denver progress to Atlanta's goal-line, their title and that Elway has from where Howard Griffith plunged in for the game's first touchdown. The Broncos had the lead and never looked in danger of losing it.

Their rivals had chances but begun that he may be tempted failed to capitalise on them. Elway was intercepted by Ronnie Bradford when Sharpe failed to hold on to a simple catch, but nothing came of it. Surprisingly, the normally reliable Andersen then missed a routine 26-yard field goal, and the self belief that had propelled Atlanta through a fairytale season began to ebh

It must have been particularly galling for their head coach, Dan Reeves. Earlier in his career. Reeves had guided the Broncos to three Super Bowl appearances, only to be on the receiving end every time. Now he was suffering again, seemingly powerless as his for-mer team pounded his current one. "I really love every one of these players, they have been a very special group and I am proud of the way they handled the thing," he said. "We just didn't play well and I knew if we didn't play well we would get beat. We just didn't get the job

Reeves, who underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery six weeks ago, was named coach of the year for the manner in which he transformed perennial strugglers into championship contenders, but



Shannon Sharpe, of the Denver Broncos, is sent crashing to the ground by Ray Buchanan, of the Atlanta Falcons, while (right) John Elway celebrates his touchdown to seal a dominating performance Reuters/AP

after four heavy Super Bowl reverses he must be wondering if he is destined never to win his sport's ultimate prize. The Broncos, and Elway, in particular, compounded his misery on a balmy Sunday night in Miami. Ironically, on the very next play after Andersen's missed field goal, Elway threw an 80-yard touchdown pass to Rod Smith to give Denver a 14-3 advantage.

The play was made against Atlanta's veteran defensive back, Eugene Robinson. A Super Bowl winner with Green Bay two years ago, Robinson was arrested for soliciting the night hefore the game and, although he was released on bail, the incident further confirmed the belief that Atlanta were doomed to failure.

reaching, and you have no idea of the gravity of the situation," he said. "That long pass is really going to haunt me. I tried to make an interception, but to John Elway's credit he threw the ball long enough so that I had no shot."

After that, it was all Denver. The running back Terrell Davis gained 102 yards on 25 attempts but other, lesser names enjoyed their moment of glory. Griffith claimed his second touchdown of the night with another short yardage run. The cornerback Darrien Gordon intercepted Atlanta quarterback Chris Chandler twice at key moments in the third quarter, while the former Scottish Claymore, George Coghill, caused terback in the game, and prob-

Atlanta drive.

The Falcons' only bright spots came on Tim Dwight's electrifying 94-yard kick-off return for a touchdown, and Chandler's three-yard pass to Terance Mathis. Fittingly, Elway scored his team's last touchdown, a three-yard run

with 11 minutes remaining. Now attention is turning to the future, and there is little doubt that the Broncos want their leader to consider all his options. "I would love John to come back," said the team owner, Pat Bowlen. "What he has meant to this organisation and this city is unbelievable. I want him back."

"He is by far the best quar-

"The ramifications are far a fumble to extinguish another ably of all time," said the receiver Ed McCaffrey. "I am extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to play for him and win two Super Bowls

with him." Just like this time last year, Elway is revealing little. He will discuss things with his wife Janet and their four children, and has promised an immipent announcement.

The feeling is that Elway would like to leave the game as a winner and there can be no greater personal accomplishment than his hrilliance on Sunday. Then again, no team in the game's history has ever won three Super Bowls in succession. The challenge may tempt him to delay retirement



TOMORROW

Bill McLaren. the BBC's voice of rugby union, talks to Brian Viner as he looks forward to this Saturday's Five Nations'

Championship

MEMBERS OF the International Olympic Committee gather in Lausanne this week to tackle an issue which threatens to un-

dermine their movement. No, not bribery. Doping abuse. But as delegates and officials seek to make crucial policy decisions in the long-awaited World Conference on Doping in Sport, they are in danger of having their attention distracted by the escalating scandal sur-

rounding charges of bribery and corruption within the IOC. Many IOC members will be feeling distinctly unsettled by yesterday's news that the FBI, investigating the charges of bribery by those who secured the 2002 Winter Olympics for Salt Lake City, has issued subpoenas to two educational institutions in Utah and asked them to check the names of 60 IOC officials.

The FBI's line of enquiry, on behalf of the US Department of Justice, follows allegations that free scholarships were offered to members of IOC representatives' families in an effort to gain their support for the bid. Olympic leaders are stressing that the FBI is not investigating IOC officials directly, but the latThe World Conference on Doping starts today in Lausanne against a disturbing backdrop of scandal. By Mike Rowbottom

Sense of unease in Olympic movement

and the temporary exclusion of takes place over three days their expulsion. The IOC presicalls for his own resignation, will seek to shore up his position by calling for a vote of confidence from IOC members next month.

It is against this background that what could be one of the most telling advances against est initiative will increase the the problem of doping abuse in sport will take place. sense of unease in a movement One of the major functions of which has already seen the res-

five others pending a vote on starting today, was to make their expulsion. The IOC presi-Samaranch's position more sedent, who has faced a barrage of cure after the disastrous statement he was reported to have made last year implying that if doping did not actually harm athletes, it was acceptable. His words provoked a storm of outrage within the sporting com-

munity, and indeed the IOC itself, as it appeared to contradict the IOC position on doping. The general thrust of this con-

ignation of four IOC members the World Conference, which ference is to establish a clear and co-ordinated doping policy abead of the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, a policy that will stand up to the legal challenges that have undermined efforts to apply sanctions to doping of-

fenders in the last 10 years. There are hopes that there will be significant movement on the issue of blood doping and mstituting a test that has been researched to determine illegal levels of human growth hor- with the IOC's internal investi-

substance which is believed to tion, one working party will recbe widely employed by cheats.

One of the tactics being employed against those athletes who take civil actions against doping bans on the grounds of restraint of trade is to impose bans that will keep offenders out of the biggest competitions, such as the Olympic Games, while allowing them to make a living.

At its meeting on 20 August last year, the IOC executive committee established working parties to look into four crucial areas. Under the chairmanship of Dick Pound, the man charged mone, a naturally occurring gation into bribery and corrup-

ommend establishing a \$15m (£9.2m) Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Agency. It will extend drug testing beyond the period of the Games itself, and is intended to be an independent body run by a board drawn from the Olympic movement, governments, medical and scientific bodies, and athletes.

In the meantime, the IOC has stressed it is not investigating Sydney's winning bid for the 2000 Olympics despite reports that members of Australia's national Olympic body offered financial inducements to IOC members before the vole in 1993.

Stewart may have to rest on his laurels

BY STEPHEN BRENKLEY

the one-day series in two weeks

he may have some time off.

body will just collapse for two

weeks," he said "You can be

ably, proud of the statistic that

he has not missed an England

one-day match for which he has

been available since the last

World Cup (he was in Australia

when a team went to Bangla-

desh last autumn), and even

then he fielded for part of the

time. That is more than 30

matches in which he has been

on continuing his run, the

decision might be taken out of

his hands. It is his hands indeed

which may be the reason. He

has been playing with a bruised

left thumb for several matches

and, stoic though he is, it has

For all Stewart's insistence

opener and keeper.

He is obviously, and justifi-

pretty sure I won't be practising."

asked for a rest, he was no doubt playing snooker at the time. Anything beyond that, like putting his feet up for an international cricket match kept playing be was fine. After after touring since October and batting, wicketkeeping and being captain in five Tests and eight limited-overs games, does not feature in his vocabulary.

"I'm as good as gold," he said, when asked to describe his state of body and mind as England prepared for their ninth match in the Carlton & United Series, against Sri Lanka in Sydney tomorrow. Like the 10th, against Australia on Friday, it is effectively a dead contest. The two finals places have already been decided and England and Australia have them. Stewart does not quite see it that way.

We don't want to go into the finals with two defeats. You want to ensure that whatever side you're putting out is one capable of beating the opposition. I don't want to miss games. These are international cricket matches, not dead games."

Emburey's side face test of experience

JOHN EMBUREY, the England A coach, will forgive his inexperienced side for suffering from pre-Test nerves as they face up to Zimbabwe in Harare

Only Andy Flintoff has appeared in a senior international, so Emburey anticipates a few butterflies in the stomachs of his younger players ahead of the first unofficial Test.

"I think they will feel the pressures of playing in an in-ternational match," he said. "Obviously they're chuffed to get selected for the tour but, once it comes to that first match, there's a sense of nervousness which is quite nice."

Heavy rain yesterday is not

A SERIOUS INJURY to their net-

minder, Timo Kauhanen, overshadowed Manchesfer Storm's

Newcastle Riverkings on Sunday The Finnish stopper, in his

first game for Storm, was taken off after four minutes when he

collided with Riverkings' Rob

Trumbley and was taken to hos-

pital with suspected broken ribs.

with a string of fine saves after

Darren McAusland had cut their

advantage to one goal with 15

minutes remaining. Manchester

His replacement, Frank Pietrangelo, foiled the Riverkings

Kauhanen injury

setback for Storm

match going ahead, despite cutting short the tourists' practice session at the Alexandra Sports Club yesterday.

Darren Thomas and Melvyn Betts will lead the attack. The Yorkshire pace bowler Paul Hutchison is returning home for treatment on his back injury, while Durham's Steve Harmison (sore shins) and Sussex bowler Jason Lewry (knee) are unlikely to be risked until fully recovered. Dean Cosker and Graeme Swann will provide a contrasting spin attack.

Zimbabwe's A side are coached by Warwickshire's Zimbabwe-born batsman, Trevor Penney, and will be led by the former Cambridge University captain Andy Whittall.

This may be the time to discover John Crawley's capabil-ities as keeper at this level and to try to establish who might open if Stewart was forced out.

"I'm only one of three se-lectors so I might be outvoted he arrives home at the finish of 2-1. But my vote will be the one unless the physic is adamant that I should have a break," he "When I don't have to do, it my said. It may be the perfect opportunity for him to have at least one game off but his attitude is admirable.

England, as they insist they have throughout this tournament, will be selecting from 16. Of course, it is important not to lose both the remaining qualifying matches but the tour selectors will also be keen to give the fringe players a game. They may feel they have not discovered enough yet about the international propensity of Mark Alleyne, Vince Wells or even Ben Hollioake. All three will come into the reckoning this week because, while England have made significant one-day progress in the past month, they still need to deduce the appropriate balance for the World Cup squad which must be announced next month.

"There are 15 names for the World Cup and the thing is to make sure they are the right 15 guys. You have to make some hard decisions. When you're in possession and the team's doing well then it can be hard for some players back home."

England have different conditions to consider in the World Cup, they have to be sure of the international credentials of the men brought here as part of the selectorial intention to cast their net wide. But so far in this competition they have largely played sensibly and calmly. That must be borne in mind when it comes to next month. The Sri Lankan opening batsman Sanath Jayasuriya will be out for at least six weeks after undergoing surgery on his broken arm in Melbourne yesterday. Jayasuriya suffered the injury when hit by a delivery from Australia's Brendon Ju-



Damon Hill unveils the new Jordan-Mugen-Honda yesterday

THE ENGLAND Under-21 side

returned from the Czech Re-

public yesterday with a hronze

medal to show for their efforts

at the European Indoor Cham-

pionships, but as the debate on

the value of the indoor game

continues, there is no certain-

ty they will compete in future

England beat the hosts 5-1 in

the third-place play-off with

competitions of that sort.

Grant helps England to bronze

Hill aims to regain his crown

FEW PERFORMERS can have been given such an introduction, even on the stage. "Damon Hill is the man who taught us how to win," Eddie Jordan told the invited audience.

Jordan launched their new car and their new challenge with characteristic pizzazz yesterday, their self-belief buoyed by a maiden Grand Prix win and fourth place in the championship last season.

But, much as Jordan himself strutted his stuff and Heinz-Harald Frentzen, his recruit from Williams, pleaded for recognition of the "foreigner" in the camp, this was more than anything about the new chamtitle winner. Hill, who delivered Jordan that first success, in Beigium, will be 39 before this recovered much self-esteem following an ill-starred stint with Arrows and an abject first half of last season, might well of honour before retiring to enjoy his wealth.

If be is, he was not letting on. "I'd like to win the championship this year and if not this year then I'd like to have another stab," he said. "It's not the time to be talking of going or quitting. I'm pumped up for this season. I'm very positive. I'm looking forward to more suc-

The Englishman, who has always been required to prove himself in the eyes of a critical Formula One, will doubtless find an additional source of

by Durham Univer-sity. The

South leaders, Fareham, were

beaten 2-1 at home by Tun-

bridge Wells with goals from Mark Elston and Matt Pur-

chase. In the Hampshire Surrey

regional league, the runaway

leaders Old Georgians thrashed

BY DERICK ALLSOP

Frentzen, the German accom modated at Williams by Hill's dismissal. "I'm not one to bear a grudge." Hill said, when asked to consider the ploumcy: "It was a decision Frank Williams took. It's nice to have Heinz-Harald as a team-mate and I'm sure we have a kit in common to discuss.

The smirk could have been interpreted any way you wanted, but it is clear he is reliching the chance to put this particular record straight.

Just as last season, when pionship hopes of Hill, the 1996 Ralf Schumacher was the team's other driver, Hill will share No 1 status. He voiced his dissatisfaction with the campaign is over and, having arrangement 12 months ago, yet insists he has no concerns with it this time. "I have no problem not being outright No 1," he said. "I was No 1 at Arhave been contemplating a lap rows and couldn't do anything with it. It's not relevant."

Jordan is happy with the strategy and confident of success. He said: "The monkey is off our back now and any pressure we have has to be easier to bear than in the previous eightyears. Now there is a very strong element of self-confidence, in the team, the drivers, the car and engine, That confidence takes the stress away from the problem. We can evaluate our progress and know we can improve. What we cannot evaluate as yet is the progress of the others, so it is impossible to say how far we can go."

TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of wheelchair spaces at baseball's Yankee Stadium. The New York Yankees are being sued by three New lersey residents for not properly providing for disabled fans.

1.40 Salamah 2.10 Medium Wave 2.40 Native

4.20 Half Tide (nb)

STALLS: Inside, except tro - outside.

Bracknell Bees by recorded a 4-2 success at the Arena. Goals from Ed Courtenay, Teeder Wynne and Jason Heywood within seven second-period min-Cardiff Devils made it six utes put Steelers on course.

WEEKEND FIXTURES AND POOLS FORECAST

FA CARLING Aston Villa v Blackburn Chelsea v Southampton Middlesbrough est v Manchester Utd

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

Barnsley v Crewe Bradford City v Watford ... 10 Bradroru Cuy
11 Bury v Ipswich
12 Crystal Palace v Birmingham
13 Gransby v Bolton
14 Norwich v Stockport
13 Port Vale v Huddersfield
15 Portemouth v Tranmare Portsmouth v Tranmare ... Sheff Utd v West Bromwi Synderland v Swindon Friday: Bristol City v QPR.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

Manchester City v Milwali Northampton v Slackpool .

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

ICE HOCKEY

wins in a row with a 4-0 success 2-1 Superleague win against. over the struggling London Knights. Goals came from from Mario Simioni, with two, Steve Thornton and Mery Priest.

The surprise result of the night came in Scotland, where Ayr Scottish Eagles thrashed Nottingham Panthers 6-3. Second-period goals from Mark Montanari, Dennis Purdie, Jeff Hoad and Dino Bauba took Mike Blaisdell's under-strength side by surprise, following Mark Woolf's opening goal after four

overcame the loss of Kauhanen and took the lead through Jeff Sheffield Steelers overcame Jablonski four minutes later Blair Scott doubled the lead in the second period before Pietrangelo's heroics maintained their three-point lead at the top.

SCOTTISH PREMIER Sunday: Derby v Everton. Mc Charleon v Wimbledon.

O Aberdeen v Kilmarnock...
Celtic v Hearts
Dundee v Motherwell Johnstone v Dundee Utd... Ayr Dunfermline v Rangers.

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION

48 St Mirren v Raith Struday: *Clydebank v Falkirk,

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION

Jamacon v Airdrie.

Yourt DRAMIS: West Hamv Arsenal: Crys-al Palace v Birmingham; Grimsby v loiton; Port Vale v Huddersfield.

Pools forecast selections by Ian Davies

TAUNTON

Fling 3.10 North Tyne 3.40 Pennywise 4.10 Country Store 4.40 Mister Generosity

GOING: Hurdia course - Good to Soft (Soft in places); chese course - Soft (Good to Soft in places).

Right-hand course. Run-in of 250yds.

Gourse is S of town on BSTPU. Taunton station 2m. ADMISSION: Members 211; Paddock 29; Centre of Course 23. Accompanied under-15s free. CAR PARK: Centre of course 23; remainder free.

remainder free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS.

II LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe 42-210 (20%), P Hobbs 27-110 (24.5%), R Hodges 17-152 (11.2%), P Nicholls 10-68 (11.4%), III LEADING JOCKEYS: A P McCoy 25-130 (12.2%), M A Fitzgerald 15-70 (24.4%), C Manufe 15-93 (161.%), N Williamson 12-53 (22.6%), III FAVOURITES: 154-409 (37.7%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Cartys Quest (visored, 2.10), Karadeni (2.10), Langiesford (2.40), Ivory Coaster (3.10).

1.40 IDEAL WEDDING RECEPTION NOVICE HURDLE (E) 52,900 added 2m 1f

FORM GUIDE

An above-average race for faunton but not many merit seri-ous consideration. In the belief that his Aecot defeat is not an accurate reflection of his shifty, SALAMAH is readily preferred to the useful Explain This, whose form is none the less of a decent enough standard for him to be much respected.

1.20 Tom 1.50 Gadge 2.20 Night City 2.50 Light Breeze 3.20 WILD THING (nap) 3.50 Mukarrab

STALLS: Inside, except fm - outside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low best up to fm, especially for 6t.

Equitack surface; self-hand, sharp uncluding course.

Course is SE of town on 82028. Lingfield station (served by London, Victoria) adjoins course, ADMISSION: One enclosure ETC.

CAR PARK: Cab 52; remainder free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS.

LEADING TRAINERS; G L Moore 68-654 (ISI %), R Hambon 49-373 (ISI %), M Johnston 48-275 (ISI %), R Hambon 49-373 (ISI %), M Johnston 48-275 (ISI %), J Wester 68-307 (ISI %), 3 Sanders 65-563 (ILI %), 2 Whitworth 55-386 (M2%).

EAVOURTIES: 722-2143 (ISI 7%), 2 Whitworth 55-386 (M2%).

LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Tom (I20) travels 270 miles.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Analysic (visored, 350).

PEACH AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS E) (Div I) \$3,500 added 1m

-9 declared -9 declared Minimum weight: Set 10th. Time handcap weight: Dream Carrier Set 2th.
BETTING: 2-1 Teithlid, 4-1 Forest Rotin, 5-1 Jubilies Scholar, Thm., 13-2
Kall, 10-1 Denbrae, Hi Bughalid, 12-1 others

2.10 TAUNTON EXHIBITION CENTRE NOVICE H'CAP HURDLE (E) £2,900 2m 3f 110yds

HOCKEY

and the captain, Lisa Wooding, getting the fifth. Belacus, with

a 4-2 win against Lithuania -

who beat England 2-I in the

finals was paved with pool wins

against Slovakia and France. In

England's route to the semi-

BY BILL COLWILL

semi-final - took gold.

- 12 declared — 12 decismd —
Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weighte: Karadeni 9st 10fb, Lime Street
Buse 9st 9fb, Garu Pirpoche, Up The Respo 9st 9fb.
BETTING: 3-1 Lizzya Finst, 4-1 John Busts, 9-2 Madlum Wave, 6-1 Carlys
Carast, 8-1 Golden Lity, 10-1 Rusts Bethection, 14-1 Lettylati, 16-1 others

FORM GUIDE John Bush and Lizzys First are on the upgrade, but CARLYS GUEST is a potentially much-improved rivel in a visor (which worked wonders for him on the Flat) for the first time.

2.40 RACECOURSE CONFERENCE CENTRE NOVICE CHASE (D) 25,250 added 2m 3f 2.40 | NOVICE CHASE (D) £5,250 BOURCU SALE FOR MATINE FLING (22) PHOLDS 7 12 1 R Dumer PO ACCESS FESTIVALS (12) R FOORS 0 13 M Blobs 1 GOSTA DUMNERS FOR YES MAS PRODUSON 0 13 M BROWN 5 FARS GORMAN (62) MAS H KINGAT 11 3 SED MA A PRODUCT OF THE SALE FOR _____S Burou

BETTING: 5-4 Native Filing, 5-1 Gorman, 5-1 North Killeanny, 6-1 North Breeze, 7-1 Siberian Henry, 5-1 Oriental Style, 16-1 Spulevard Bry, 20-1 Wille Wallace, 33-1 others

NAME Wallace, 33-1 others

FORM GUIDE

Nordic Breeze was best of these over hurdes but it remains to be seen 6 he takes to fences. Native Filing will be popular but he has to give a bit of weight away all round and the looks a chance for NORTH KULKENNY to get off the mark. He has faced top-class opposition over fences to date

3.10 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN HURDLE (D) (DIV I) £4,250 3m 110yds

were beaten 5-3 hy Belarus. Formby were held to a 1-1 draw

ers-up with Hightown third. London University 12-0 with There were no changes to Gary Notton (5), Paul Way (3)

the regional leaders over the and Mahmood Bhatti (2) doing

J HURDLE (D) (DIV I) E4,250 3rm 110yds

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5-8253 NORY COASTER (NZ) (27) B De Heen 8 11 5 _____ Supple (4)

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In the Women's Indoor Pre-

mier play-offs at Crystai Palace,

Slough beat Hightown 8-1 in the

final with Jane Smith scoring

three times to secure a spot for

her team in next season's Euro-

ners-up with Hightown third.

Chelmsford finished run-

pean Club Championships.

- 12 OPERIOD -BETTING: 7-4 Ezmaik, 5-2 North Type, 5-1 Norty Coaster, 6-1 Coast Flos, 7-1 Kaz Kalem, 8-1 Jungia King, 12-1 Jazz Duku, Elikerolitewoo, 25-1 oth-

FORM GUIDE Culte an open affair, Ivory Coastar is the form pick but has had plenty of chances, and less-exposed KAZ KALEM and North Tyne make more appeal. Kaz Kalem's fifth to Storm Of Gold at Utboster has worked out quite well, and a reproduction of that effort may be good enough.

3.40 STAPLEMEAD SEMINAR SUITE MAIDEN HURDLE (D) (DIV II) £4,250 3m 110yds 5 BALDMALDE BOY (54) M Pipe 6 TI 6. A P McCoy
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3 #650 FRED FLIGGLES (78) C Bolsson 7 TI 5. D McPtell (5)
4 00 LABILLA BAY (22) C Pophen 5 TI 5. D McPtell (5)
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5 PFFFF LOTAL GAT (702) RC) A J Wiston TI TI 5. R Greens
7 22-450 MASTER RASTUS (89) Mrs S Williams 6 TI 5. M Mission
6 00-20 SHADED (25) D Minly 5 TI 6. L Aspell
7 PROPERTY STORM CASTUS (89) J G Arbutinet 7 TI 5. D Galleginer
10 PROP PRANTO CUISEN (50) J King 9 TI 9. L Commits (3)
11 125 PERRYWISE (234) Mrs V Williams 6 TI 9. S Kully (7)
2 POSSALEEN Mrs H Duy 9 TI 9. M Foster
- 12 declared BETTING: 7-4 Pennywise, 9-4 Storm Castle, 11-2 Bullywise Boy, 13-2
Health Restus, 6-1 Staded, 20-1 Twd Grugilees, Rosselvent, 25-1 Others.
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STORM CASTLE, who has the measure of Meeter Restus on a line through Winston Run, is likely to find the Venetia Williams-trained hunding newcomer Peanywise a major stumbing block in an otherwise ordinary affair.

4.10 SADDLE ROOM DISCO HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) EE,000 edded 3m

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THE COCKERTOO jumped exceptionally well under fony McCoy last time and absolutely hacked up. He will be difficult to best if reproducing that effort, although there has to be a slight worn about his effectiveness on this softer ground. Raga-mult is consistent enough and should run well.

4.40 WEDDING LICENCE H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) \$2,900 added 3m 110yds

Le cacarres — Minimum weight: 10st. True himicap weights: Gentlemen Jim 9et 11th, The Minder 9st 7th, Spirit Level Spt 3th, Alisser Generoeity 9st 0th, Cine More Deve

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in-form Taidhild could take a tot of beeting. There are possiblities about Forest Robin and recent Fibresand winners Tom and Hi Multahild, but it may be worth chancing KAFIL, who has a good draw from which to adopt his front-running tactics and is weighted to reverse May's C&D form with Jobbies Scholer.

1.50 PEACH AMATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS E) (Div ii) £3,500 added 1m

2.20 BRING YOUR GOLF TO LINGFIELD CLAIMING STAKES (E) £3,500 1m 2f

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A back-to-form Night City would not be easy to peg back, but JAVA SHRIME has taken so well to this surface that he is worth following until beaten at this level. Orany tooks the pick of the remainder. FORM GUIDE

2.50 DAMSON SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) 52,500 added 3YO 67

BETTING: 9-4 Westpide Riyer, 9-4 Lady Centuron, 7-2 Light Breeze, 6-1 Riddle, 25-1 Helen's Wedding FORM GUIDE is return to 61 should suit LIGHT BRIDEZE, who has run re-ectably have, and she can revenue last months Wolverhampion bungs with Lady Carbron over today's extra furlong. Both estalds Flyer and Fliddle should be on the premises too. This return to 61 should suit LIGHT BI

3.20 LINGFIELD PARK RACING STABLES MAIDEN STAKES (D) 55,250 added 1m

FORM GUIDE Yet another weak majoren on AW featuring runners whose form is far from solid or whose resolution may not be all it should be. Welting Knight has had his chances and preference is for the unexposed REPELLING, who has shown promise in a light campaign on surf and halls from a stable whose AW runners deserve plenty of respect.

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Sti 9th. SETTING: 11-4 Noriendic, 3-1 Golden Arrow, 13-2 Palceanto, 7-1 White-bornet, 3-1 Mater Generosity, 10-1 The Minder, 12-1 Datu, Fartoy Nascy,

This is basically an uncompetitive race in which good recent form is thin on the ground NORLANDIC has shown enough to win a race such as this and this fairly-weighted novice has been found a likely-looking opening here.

3.50 GREENGAGE HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,250 added 6f

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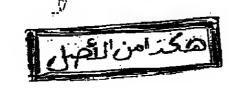
-6 disched -BETTING: 7-4 Acifs, 7-2 Multarrab, 9-2 Anakate, 7-1 Acida Megic, 10-1 Science Ridge, tvory's Graph Hire, 12-1 February Brave, 33-1 Sharp Peed

MUKARRAB can boost his record on Equirack. He remains a hondicapper on the upgrade and should again be able to dominate from a reasonable draw Aolte to open to improvement but her outside draw will not make it easy for her today.

4.20 CHERRY HANDICAP (CLASS E) 23,500 added 1m 4f

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FORM GUIDE Today's longer trp should suit HALF TIDE, potentially well treat-ed off today's 48 on his second to Thelorysati (winner since) here last month. Sameny's Shuttle is the danger.



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entered for the Supreme Novices' Hurdle and Royal &

SunAlliance Novices' Hurdle

the dual Flat winner Quel

Senor, unraced to date over hur-

dles, in the Triumph Hurdle and

the Supreme Novices' Hurdle.

His compatriot François Ro-

haut has put Cyros, twice suc-

cessful over hurdles in France.

in the Triumph, while the

Cologne-based trainer Christ-

ian Von Recke has Desert in the

Doumen has also entered

BY IAN DAVIES

at the Festival.

Malta shines while

Boxer hits canvas

CYFOR MALTA did his Chel-

tenham Gold Cup claims no

harm with a four-length victory over Go Ballistic, with See

More Business six lengths back in third, in the Pillar Chase at

Cheltenham on Saturday. But

Unsinkahle Boxer, his stable-

mate, looks a dodgy Gold Cup

bet after coming a cropper two

out in a novices' handicap

favourite for the Stayers' Hur-

dle after her 20-lengths tri-

umph in the Grade One Cleeve

Hurdle, while Hors La Loi III

boosted his Triumph Hurdle

prospects with an impressive

31/-length victory over Behra-

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THE INDEPENDENT Tuesday 2 February 1999

Pearl is ready for s crown .last ditch attempt

THE FORM BOOK tells us that By RICHARD EDMONDSON the biggest danger to Florida Pearl is big and dark and, like He probably wasn't going fast the great horse himself, nurtured in Ireland.

This nemesis is not a beast, last fence at Leopardstown, at memories of the day." which Willie Mullins' sevenyear-old came to grief in the Ericsson Chase on his latest start. That obstacle, a ditch, put a dent in Florida Pearl's unbeaten record over Christmas, and his rivals in Sunday's Irish Gold Cup back at Leopardstown may anticipate a recurrence. It is not a straw they

should grab too tightly. Florida Pearl has cleared that fence proficiently in two races during his novice season. It is a barrier he has crossed expertly since the Ericsson while schooling. Indeed, it is proba-

bly his favourite obstacle. "Strangely enough, it is the one fence that, when he'd ardstown had he remained jumped it the twice before in races, he'd really pinged and got a length at," Mullins said yesterday. "It seems to be a favourite fence of his, so it was both surprising and disap- because they'd gone a right pointing what he did that day. clatter and burned off the other

enough at it. We went up to Leopardstown after the Ericsson and he pinged that fence, however, but rather the third so he certainly has no bad

> They probably belong to Richard Dunwoody, the jockey that afternoon who found himself dropping off at the same

RICHARD EDMONDSON Nap: Adamatic (Musselburgh 3.00) NB: Mukarrab (Lingfield 3.50)

time as the Christmas tree needles. However, Dunwoody

returns to action today. The unproductive speculation continues as to whether Florida Pearl would have overhauled Dorans Pride at Leopupright. Connections, naturally enough, assess his capsize as a result of a lapse rather than fatigue. "You wouldn't have been disappointed if he'd been tired

horses." Mullins said. "but but he is near enough a certain Richard told me he hadn't asked him a question at that stage.

"He didn't actually fall and hit the ground, he went down on away, galloped on and jumped two hurdles, which tells me he wasn't tired at the time. A tired horse would have fallen, rolled over and taken all day to get up.

He was up before Richard."

Florida Pearl was a glutton for this punishment. Afterwards he ate up twice, as Mulins did not realise the horse had been fed before being returned to his lodgings at Bagenalstown in Co Carlow. Now the big horse must devour a maximum of 10 opponents on Sunday, among whom there

challengers. Florida Pearl is the 11-10 favourite with Ladbrokes, in front of David Nicholson's Escartefigue (6-4), with whom he had such a compelling struggle in the Royal & SunAlliance Novices' Chase at last year's Festival. Addington Boy (40-1) makes his debut for Ferdy Murphy if the soft ground firms up.

are likely to be two British

runner as the forecast is for a dry week," the trainer said yesterday. "Adrian Magnire will ride and if the ground is lively, his tummy. He got up straight I am looking for a good run. Obviously we won't trouble the major ones, but he worked well at the weekend, and he has been aimed at this race." Addington Boy's schedule

> also includes the Grand National, which is also likely to be the next port of call for the title holder and another Sunday entry, Earth Summit. "He will probably go straight to Ain-tree, though if it was really wet, we might just have a look at the Gold Cup," Nigel Payne, one of the gelding's co-owners, said yesterday. "We want to give him an extended break and have him bursting out of his skin for Aintree."

The programme for Florida Pearl's great Gold Cup rival, Teeton Mill, was also established yesterday. The grey will have his tune-up for the blue riband over two and a half miles in the Mitsubishi Shogun Ascot Chase two weeks on Saturday. "There aren't many

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Baltad Ministret: Already at least as good over ferces as he was over hurdles, blinkered lest two starts for easy win at Catheriak (2m, good) and 6 lengths accord of 5
to emert Aghawadde Gold at Wetherby (2m, soft). Sound prespects

Rasselt: The best of these over hurdles, in very good form in the autumn. Some way
of that form over fences, gaining Ayr win (2m, heavy) in 2-numer race, 8 lengths off
Barriburgh Boy over C3D (good to soft) latest, but now 9b better off
Falcon's Flames: Malden sizer 21 starts and well held here on form

Fox Sparrow: Chence of sorts on 1996/97 hurdles form for Nigel Thider. Plenty of
Improvement required on what he has shown in two novice chases this term
Onyourown: About two stone worse then the leading contenders on hurdles form,
and only one respectable run from three starts his term. Has stope for chesing

Barriburgh Boy: Second at Newcastle and Musselburgh before winning four-numer
race (at 1-2, by neck from Banker Count) at Catherick, all 2m on soft surface

VERDICT: Baltad Ministret will be in demend after the bright start to his chasing

VERDICT: Belied Minetrel will be in demand after the bright start to his chaning career and in clearly the one to beat. He has a definite edge over ROSSEL and Barmburgh Boy on chase form but Rosset were a better hurder and has been gradually getting the frang of things since his recent switch to the larger obstacles.

3.00 KILMANY CUP HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000

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Multaw Prince: Selow form for new stable this term, perity due to jumping errors.

14th lower their et start of the season, Stable has been out of form

Bellyline: 5-6, won four-runner race at Worcester (3m, good to soft) in October. Credibible sectoral last time, but this may prove an inadequate stamine test

Any Port: Won at Periti (3m, good to firm) in June and Dundalk (2m4f, good in soft) in September. Bellow form since, 2to higher here than the Peritin mark

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an opposition, people from since, 201 register freet unan her Fersin hank. Administration (Good fast-ground performances at around 2melf this season when winning at Catterick and head second at Musselburgh, Early failer latest start. The bucktoo: Phinmesting in weights with disappointing series over last two years Dentby's Gorse: Shi higher than when winning S-finisher race at Newcastle (2m4), heavy) from Burns Imp. Less testing conditions here are unlikely to suit him Jack Yests: Now well handicapped on his 1997 high efforts, but has shown deteriorating form in four starts in British. Also unproven beyond 2m2!

Salem Beach: 33-1 and 11 b out of handicap, won over 3m here (good) 4 weeks ago by 1% lengths. 3b higher, and much less of a chance on her previous form

VERDICT: There are questions over nearly all of these, either on grounds at west-being or their effectiveness under today's conditions. Adequatic is the one most little by to run to form, but on alternative is MULICEY PRINCE, who began the season in events at Ascot and will should take advantage of his handicap mark at some stage.

3.30 LADBROKE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £7,500 added 2m 4f Penalty Value £5,537

added 2m 4f Penalty Value £4,065

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to have a run." Meanwhile, Lord Gyllene, "It would need to dry out a bit, races in which he can run be-

the 1997 Grand National winner, heads the weights for the Singer & Friedlander National

Florida Pearl beats Escartefigue at Cheltenham last

4.00 HADDINGTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 3m Penalty Value £3,550

— 9 declared — BETTING: 11-8 Archina, 11-4 NBd Dee, 8-1 Double Agent, 0-1 Manhettan Fininbow, 0-1 Triggeriish, 20-1 Ballytoft, 25-1 Legible, 33-1 Silver Peart, 5-1 Smiths Wyod 1998: Master Beverd 10 'n' 10 A Dobbin 6-1 (P Monteriti) 12 ran

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Andrina: Has taken well to fences and drew clear 2 out when beating Manhartan Rainbow 7 lengths over C&D (good) last month. Had plenty in hand and should have sittle to fear from the runner-up who is only 51b better in.

Nist Dee: Reported to have gurgled when pulled up at Kempton (3m, good to soft) last time. Battled on gemely when winning at Wetherby (2'/-m, good) in December from Foundry Lene (winner since) and sound chance on that form.

Triggerflath; Gradually getting the hang of fences after a shalky start, Held on by a neck when winning here (2'/-m, good to soft) last month by a neck from Double Agent, who reopposes on 160b better terms.

Battlybrit: Won trish point-to-point in 1998. Failed to finish in his first 3 point-to-points here last season, but made all his a restricted at Aspatria (3'/-m, good) in May. Unlikely to be good enough.

Double Agent: Having only his 2nd outing over lences when a neck 2nd to Triggerflash here (2'/-m', good to soft) last month. Looks sure to turn that form around over this longer trip as he is 16th better off.

Legible: Won over hardles for Stan Mellor in 1997, Has been running over hurdles and fences in lesiand and stayed on at one pace when 5th of 18 to Broguestown Breeze at Down Royal (2'/-m, heavy) last month.

Manhattan Brandry; Could make no impression on the winner from 5 out when 2nd to Ardrina over C&D (good) last month. Hurg left after two out and is only 5tb better off.

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ter or: Biliver Peerls-Poor form over hurdles and no improvement over fences. Soon strug-gling when pulled up before 4 out in the race won by Triggerfish here (2'/mi, good to soft) last month Smithe Wynd: Helf-brother to staying chaser Pink Girl, Falled to tinish in 2 point-to-

points last season and was soon talled off when pulled up on his debut under Rules

VERDICT: ADRINA was mind higher than this field over hundles and it looks like she will also prove more than their match over fences. Successful in two of her three novice chasses so far, she made her stemina set when kicked clear five out here lest time when she stayed on strongly to best Manhattan Rainbow by a comfortable seven lengths. The latter's 5to pull does not look nearly enough and Nild Dee should

4.30 TYNE WATER HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000

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Livio: One-time useful hurder, won both starts for Peter Monteith in 1997. Has been dropped 15b since then, but tailed off in all 3 outrigs this season and best watched until showing a revival Trusso: Course specialist and 6 times a winner here, but on the downgrade. Soon

Insurp: Course specials and to striets a winner neer, but on the covergals, soon struggling when 8th to Controlline (My Shanandoah 2nd) over C&D (soft) lest month and only 6th better off with the numer-up for over 70 lengths

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Preladé To Ferner. Seeme best at distances up to 21/m. Curpaced eiter 4 out when 6th to Contraffre (My Shernandoah 2nd) over C&D (soft) last month and binkered for the first time.

My Shernandoah: Likes this course and has won 3 times here over 21/m. Led 2 out until caught near the finish when beaten a neck by Cortraffre over C&D (soft) last month. Hes been raised 4th, but this better ground should help him to stay the trip stride Pathr. Stayed on to finish 5th to Contraffre over C&D (soft) last month and has an 8lb pull for 15 lengths with My Shenandoah (2nd). On a 6lb lower mark then when whining at Ayr (3m, good to soft) lest season, but none to reliable line Wildcard: Hes yet to recapture last season's form, though ran his best race for some time when 3rd in a selling handcap hundle over 2m here (good to soft) last month. Dropping down the handcap and outside chance. The prophing down the handcap and outside chance? The prophe good to soft) last month. Probably better on this fester ground and 3b lower tran when winning the race last year.

Comrade Chisnery: Westened siter 3 out when 5th to the well-handcapped Jowcody (winner since) at Market Resen (3m, soft) last month. Probably better on this fester ground and 3b lower tran when winning the race last year.

Comrade Chisnery: Wen once (2m Incap hole, good to firm) from 28 outings in tellend. Always behind when tailed off intest start at Down Royal (21/m nov chase, heary). For The Men: Relied either 2 out to finish 3rd to Contraffre and My Shensandoah over C&D (soft) last month. Here a 2b pull for 11/hengths with the runner-up, but better known as a chaser and yet to win over hundles.

Scribbler: Won 5 times over hundles and fences in leatend between 1983-5. Appears a backnumber now and no Improvement when tried in a visor last of nonthe.

Surrises Sensetion: Returns to hundles after finishing last of 5 on his chasing debut at Catterick (2m, soft) last month. Won novice hundle at Kelso (2m, soft) in October and times the finishing last of 5 on his chasing d

et Catterick (2m, soft) last month. Won novice hurdle at Kelso (2m, soft) is and tries this trip for the first time

and the trils trip for the first time.

Ruberr Guite consistent in long distance selling hundles and acts on any going. Respectable 3rd at Ayr (3m, heavy) last time when fill brout of the handicap, but is 10th higher than when winning at Sedgefield (3m3f, good to soft) in November.

Sheppardon: Unplaced in 10 outries one hundles in leatend, the latest when pulled up at Neven (2/sm, heavy) in December. Placed once in 4 outries in Irish point-to-

VERDICT: This should concern MY SHENANDOAH and I'm The Man. They fin-VERDIC II: This should concern MY SHEMANDQAR end rm in me were may re-shed second and third behind Contraffire on soft ground over the course and dis-tance less month when My Shemandoah was caught near the finish and beaten a neck, I'm The Men is 2b better off for a length and a half, but My Shemandoah will have a better chance of getting the trip on this taster going.

added 3m Penalty Value £2,827

race didn't take place, he could yet go straight to the Festival," Venetia Williams, the trainer, said yesterday. "He hasn't got

row is subject to a 9 15am inspection today. The course is

waterlogged. William Hill share offer, Business, page 17

ian, the Tolworth (Novices') Triumph Hurdle and San Suru in the Supreme Novices. Hurdle winner, in the Finesse Hurdle. However, François Tomorrow: Saturday's Doumen's four-year-old is also Sandown Handicap Hurdle TOTE GOLO TROPHY H'CAP HUROLE (2m 110yds) Horse (Trainer/weight) Butchey & Nichola Wantha Sanda (M Pipe; 10st8b) omadic (N Meade (I/0/10st3b) March. The pair reoppose at Leopardstown on Sunday fore Cheltenham and if that Trial at Uttoxeter on Saturday. opage (C Egerton/Sst81 Others declared include General Wolfe, Eudipe, Fiddling The Facts and Kendal Cavalier Leicester's meeting tomor-

Horse (Trainer)	Corpl	West 1887	Lacifornian	Startey	Tok
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Tresor De Mei (M Pps)	9-1	61	7-1	7-1	÷
Kurakto (J Gillord)	12-1	10-1	10-1	10-1	77.
Potentate (M Pipe)	12-1	10-1	12-1	12-1	11.
Fingship Unacalism(P Nichols)	14-1	10-1	12-1	2:1	2
Agbawadda Gold (T Tain)	14-1	12.1	16-1	21	10
Daven Leader (J Okt)	21	12-1	16-1	21	D
Gris D'Estruval (M Pipe)	21-1	12-1	34-1	24-1	16

CHAMP	ON H	UROLE	(2m 110	yds)	
Horse (Trainer)	Corpl	Win H	Lachrokes	Stanley	Toke
Istabraq (A O'Brien/Iri)	1-2	47	4-7	1-2	B-11
French Holly (F Murphy)	10-1	7-1	8-1	9-1	8-1
Tistcher (D Nicholson)	16-1	161	15-1	20-1	20-1
Ellowing Wind (M Pipe)	20-1	20-1	20-1	20-1	251
Dado Star (J M.Jellemon)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Grey Shot (I Balding)	25-1	20-1	25-1	20-1	25-1
Happy Change (Mish V Williams)	25-1	16-1	25-1	16-1	20-1
Trn Supposin (R.Rowe)	16-1	25-1	20-1	20-1	25-1

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Lord Of The River (O Sherwood)	12-1	15-1	12-1	10-1
Spendid (D Nicholson)	12-1	11-1	10-1	10-1
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Bris D'Estruval (M Pipe)	14-1	16-1	16-1	14-1	16-1
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Priciwali (M Pipa)	16-1	20-1	16-1	16-1	16-1

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HYPERION 3.30 Mr Lurpak 4.00 Ardrina

GOING: Good (Good to Soft in places).

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Right-hand oval course with tight turns.

Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on A1 Bus link from Edinburgh station 5m. ADMISSION; Club £12; Grandstand & Paddock £7 (OAPs and unemployed £4). Accompanied under-life free. CAR PARIK: Free.

FIVE-YEAR STATISTICS

LEADING TRAINERS: M Hammond 22-118 (188%), J Howard Johnson 20-103 (185%), P Monteith 16-88 (182%), C Parker 9-55 (184%), Mrs S Bradburne 9-71 (12.7%).

LEADING JOCKEYS: A Dobbin 17-99 (17.2%), P Carberry 15-53 (28.3%), P Niven 15-70 (188%), B Storey 12-133 (9%), R Garritty 10-62 (16.1%), A S Smith 9-55 (16.4%).

FAVOURITES: T3-277 (40.8%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Prelude To Fame (4.30).

1.30 DOLLAR NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (Dw I) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,406

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Ex. so; won maken at Catenek (2m, good to sort in December by 8 lengths from Athawa. Second to Impressive Running Man here. Improving and good chance Madge McSplasts. Has had plenty of experience and is exposed as a poor performer. Even less successful over fances recently and returns to furding here Albert The Bear: Fairly useful 6i/7f performer on Flet. No Impact over hundles, 24 lengths behind Es Go at Catterick last time. Less testing ground should help Gwespyr: Poor sprinter on Flat. Unifiedy recruit to hundling, well beaten on debut Regar: No form to his name in Instand.

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Seyonars: Well besten in two bumpers and three novice hurses for notices or notices. Seyonars: Well besten in two bumpers and three novice hurses for notices. Two Pools: For Guillaume 6yo. The betting should be the guide to his debut chence Lead Dancer: In frame in two of six starts in bumpers in telend, nearly ell on testing ground. Place chance on that, and improvement possible on hursing debut Arcibe Start Modest maiden on Flat. 100-1, headstrong on recent hursing debut over C&D, setting early pace but finishing 75 lengths betind Ea Go

VERDICT: The clear form pick is ES GID, it would appear that the only threats, but a fail, are posed by the hurding newcorners Two Pools and Lead Dencer, but the latter's bumper form suggests that this Irish challenger is nothing special and needs to be improved by the switch to hurdles.

2.00 DOLLAR NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) (Div II) £3,000 added

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BISTANG: 8-4 Finisterrs, 11-4 Colontial Key, 5-1 Perintan Fayrs, 10-1 Sibroleter, Curriculus, 12-1 Gunner Marc, 14-1 Major Hage, Schillachi, 20-1 Die Hard Lady 1998 See Division 1

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Finisterre: Justified tavouritism in 14-runner maiden over C&D (good) lest month by 1½ lengths from Foxes Tail. Remote fifth in the mud next time. The one to beat Celestial Key: Fairly useful 8º winner lest season on Fair. Well toxided for hurding debut back in February 1996 at Wetherby (2m, good to soft) but was well beaton, weaksning 2 out after racing freely. Hest to be respected for his Flat form Major Hage: Bred to stay well. Has shown only a little ability in a bumper and novice hurdies, tried over as far as 2m7i. Plenty to prove Persiten Fayre: Pairly useful 7i/fm form on Flat. 8-1, lost touch from 3 out when 31½ lengths fifth of 11 to Finavood over C&D (good to soft) on hurding debut Schilliacht: Yet to reveal any ability. Sibeniteatr: Ye to Storng Gele. Pulsed up in a point in February. Sipped up early on hurding debut. 50-1, well-beaten fifth of 7 finishers to impressive Running Main over C&D (good to soft) lest month. Heard to tency.

Die Hard Lady: Beaten out of sight at Cartnel (2m11, good to firm) on debut and pulled up (troke blood vessel) four months later Cartnel after 74 etwourts, 14½ lengths fourth of 6 in bumper at Perth (2m, good) in September. Well beaten with similar conditions at Bangor tollowing month Cartnelsias: Geve trouble at Cartsel good. Pulled up at Ayr 5 weeks later.

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2.30 SPOTT NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m

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Going: Soft, heavy in places

2.09: (2m 1f maiden hurdle)

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—15 declared —
BETTING: 9-2 lift Lurpak, 5-1 Bitutan, 7-1 curp Pat, 9-1 BBC D Magic, 10-1 Oh So Coey, Forty Love,
Shardenin, Parie Pite, 12-1 Multigan's Boy, Falcon Du Cotanu, 14-1 Reverse Charge, 10-1 Casual Call, 20-1 Dusty Denie, 25-1 Kertindalo, 33-1 Ayeksowso
1998: Irish Wikicard 10 11 4 E Calleghan 7-2 (J. Howard Johnson) 12 zen FORM GUIDE FORM GUIDE

Paris Pilics Irish bumper winner lest season (2"/am good) and placed over hurdles on soft ground. Stays well and had every chence approaching the final tight when 2nd of 30 to Captain Clooney at Punchestown (3m, heavy) lest month Meltigan's Boy. Makten hurdle whree [3m, good to firm) in reland. First run for Howard Johnson and first since 3rd over hurdles at Rescommon (3m, good) in August Mr Lurgak: Dual bumper winner for Mary Reveley in 1997, Mede a successful return after a 20-month absence over C&D (good) in December with Oh So Coay 3rd (bestien 15 lengths), More to do here, but looks a useful prospect
Bit 10 Magric: Was having his first race for 7 months when winning over C&D (good) here in December, but put up a slower time then Mir Lurgak
Reverse Change: Maiden hurdle winner at Market Rasen (2mt, good to firm) in July.
Outpaced after the 5th when 5th of 9 at Newcastis (2m, soft) lest time, but should be suited by this longer trip

Outpaced after the 5th when 8th of 9 at Newcester (2m, sort) sett time, but should be suited by this longer trip.

Oh So Cosy: Placed twice over C&D, but weakened 2 cut when 3rd to Mir Lurpak and Northern Unon here sets time. Only 6th better for 16 lengther: Showed ability on her debut less season when 4th at Hexhem (2m, sort). Has failed to confirm that promise and was beaten 48 lengths when 8th of 13 behind Carbury Cross over this trip (sort) lest month Ayelmower. Pulled up on heavy going lest time, though appeared to act in testing conditions when 2nd to Dutick March at Kelso (2⁹/₂m, heavy) in October. Plenty to do the first en to the force on a treating to the conditions.

conditions when 2nd to Quick Merch at Ketso (2¹/₂m, heavy) in October. Plenty to do
in first run in a handcap
Plauterr. Fee form on Flet in Ireland. Has come up against teir novices Uniform and
Simply Gifted in lest 2 runs (both 2m, sort) and likely to be suited by this trip
Casual Calf. Disappointing over hurdles and could never go pace when distant 5th
to Prominent Profile at Weitherby (2¹/₂m, sort) lest week
Forty Lover Bought in for 4,000 girs after winning a selling handcap hurdle here (2m,
good to soft) lest morth on first run for new yard. Tough test off a 7to higher mark
Fation Du Coteau: Showed first sign of ability lest morth when 4th of 20 at Dom
Royal (2¹/₂m, heavy). Hard to asses, but Adrian Meguire booting may be significant
Lord Pat Selling winner at Sedigefield (2m1); good to soft) in November and improved
to win a novices hendicap over C&D (acti) lest morth. Mere to do off 9b higher mark
Shardamte: Modest form in novice hurdles and made late headway to finish 4th to
Lord Pat over C&D (soft) lest morth. Should finish closer with a 8th pull for 14 lengths
Dusky Dante: Little show on first 4 outings in bumpers and over hurdles, out prominert until 3 out when 7th of 13 to Swiftwey over C&D (good to firm) lest month. Wei
hear to Improve considerably to figure here
VERDICT: Inth challengers Paris Pilos and Falson Du Coteau and Howard John-

VERDICT: hish challengers Peris Pilce and Falcon Do Cotests and Howard John-son's import from across the water likelingers Boy make this hard to weigh up. Shutan tooks on a handy mark in his first handicap, but MR LURPAK may be a honse with a future. Many Reveloy let him run in the 1997 Cheltenham bumper and though hand little to beat when making a successful reappearance here in Decumber he put up a much faster time than Bit O'Megic in the other division of that making hurdle.

trained by R Ainer at Blandford Forum for Pell-meil Partners), Tota: £340; £130, £160, £140, DF; £110, CSF; £1588, Tricast; £5057.

RESULTS

4.00: (3m 11 HDyds novice chase)
1. NELITARY ACADEMY A P McCoy 8-11 toy Going: Heavy 2.10: 1. LINDAJANE (I Jerdine) 5-1; 2. Red Hot Indian 4-7 far; 3. Chocolute Drum 20-1 8 ren. 2'h, 10. (D Whitens, Hawick). Tete:I Oaborne 3-1R Greene 12-1 3. Glecial King Also rate 8-1 Mr Perkupp, 11-1 Defenditie-5350: PITO CLAD DF: PLBO CSF: E781 Fren. 26, dist. (Winner chestrut gelding by Crash Course out of Many May, trained by | Williams at Alvechurch for Robert Ogden). 2.40: 1. MER FRANGIPANI (A Dobbin) 7-2; 2. Little Stan evens tw.; 3. Emperor's Magic 8-1. 8 ran. 2. dist. (N Flicherds, Greystoke). Tota: \$180; \$190, \$130. DF: \$280. CSF: \$688.

4 40- 1 RALLETAK (Mr R Forristal) 1-4 fav. 2. Early Daley 3-1; 3. Dissington Me 20-1 3 mm, 1, 18. [J Neville, Newport). Tota: £120. DF: £130. CSF: £129.

Placepot: £33.10, Quadpot: £2550. Place 6: £22.16, Place 5: £16.99 SOUTHWELL Going: Standard

Stitl. Stitl. DF: S1710, CSF: 04021, NR: Sue ... Jacknot: Not won: S1366922 carried forward 2.50: 1. BARITONE (R Winston) 8-1; 2. Lit-Placepot: 95120, Quadpot: \$17.70. tie ibnr 14-1; 3. Unsheken 11-1, 11 ran. 7-4 fav Grand Chapeau. 1'4, 1%. (S Kettlewel). Tote: C930; C270, C200, C570, DF: £28.70. Piace 5: £24.10. Piace 5: £1954.

CSF: £10601, Theast, £114988. 3.20: 1. PIPE MUSIC (P Goods) 10-3; 2. Spn 1.ams 5-2 fav; 3. Old Husth Wing 4-1.7 ran, 1/k. /2. (P Haslam). Tota: \$450; \$240, \$180. DF: \$8.30. CSF: \$1132. Tricast: \$3058. NR:

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selburgh today.

71 71 61 61 64 12.50: 1. STORM CAT (Dane O'Neil) 13-8; 2. Freedom Quest 6-4 tay; 3. Mariana 20-1 9 ran. 6, 4. (K McAuliffe). Tote: £270: £130, £150, £370. DF: £180. CSF: £347. 10-1 16-1 15-1 10-1 9-1 Date: \$150; £110, £180, DF: £210, CSF: £314. 10-1 10-1 10-1 10-1 15-1 3.10: 1. HUGO DE GREZ (B Storey) 16-1; 2. Just An Excuse 2-1 fer; 3. Radissore Sexon 9-2. 11 ran. 'A. 4. (C Parker, Locker-tie) Tota: 22120: 5700, £100, £170, DF: £2570 4.30: (2m 11 Handicap Hurdle) 1. DOCTOR BRAVIOUSE Byrne 16-1 10-1 8-1 9-1 8-1 7-1 3.50: 1. BAMBOO GARDEN (M Tebbutt) 12-1; 2. Fourth Time Lucky 9-1; 3. Sharp Rightm 4-1 || tax. 14 ran. 4-1 || tax Bilicharg (4th), 2%, %. (G. Chung). Totae £1750; £450, £350, £220 DF; £15250, CSF; £11720. Tir-cest: £498.85. Bit O'Hagic 23-1 11-1 11-1 5-1 11-4 On So Copy 11-1 10-1 11-2 5-1 20-1 1.20: 1. QUEZON CITY (L. Chemock) 33-1; 2. Mudlark 8-1; 3. Musalse 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 6, nk. (Mas J Camacho) Tota: 03030; 0460, 0200, 0130, DF: 010650, CSF: 024560, Tri-CSF: £4445. 3.40: 1. ROBBO (Mr A Dempsey) 7-4; 2. The Next Waltz 13-8 fex. 4 ran. 26, . (Mrs M Rev-Felcon Dis Colmett 7-1 10-1 9-1 12-1 8-1 2.30: (2m 5f novice handicap chase) 2.30: (2m 5f novice handloap chase) 1. ROLLCALL R Widger 3-1 tav 2. South West Express J Mogland 5-1 3. The Ten Amagos B Ferson 4-1 Also rant 5-1 Orphan Spa. 8-1 Credo Boy (shi), 8-1 Kelly Mar (shi), 25-1 Sloux To Speak (6th), 33-1 Gallo Girl. 5 ran. 22 sh-hd, 1,9.2h (Winner brown gelding by Callemish out of Coolbewn Lady. Mallgan's Boy 2-1 2-1 14-1 2-1 14-1 (8th). 7 ran. 5, 6, 5, 9, 19. (Winner bay gaiding by Priolo out of Sherp Stopes trained by J Poul-ton at Lewes for Chris Stoward). Take: 1.50: 1. MAI TAI JA Clark) 100-30; 2. Miss All Alone 4-7 fav; 3. Parto Prima 25-1 9 ran. 2. sh hd. (D Berker). Tota: 25-70; 2140, 2100, 2490, . DF: 2180, CSF: 2500. eley, Saltburn). Yote: £3.30. DF: £1.60. CSF: 4.20: 1. THE RAPHSLEY BELLE IF North 4-20*1. THE BARNISLEY BELLE (F Norton) 8-1; 2. Rouge 25-1; 3. Moonlight Filt 8-1. 15 rith. 2-1 law Oxbane. Hd. /h. (G Wood-ward). Tota: £1(0: £240. £840. £830. DF: £2680. CSF: £193.26. Tricast: £169754. NF: Llanita. Tritects: £277560; £234561 ca-rited forward to Musselburgh 3.30 today. Reverse Charge 14-1 14-1 12-1 14-1 14-1 4.10: 1. BRIGHT DESTENY (Mrs C Ford) 7-1; 2. Plumbob 6-1; 3. Hagfa Way 6-1, 8 ran. 5-2 fav by House (4th), 27k, 23, (J. Gottle, Klimamock), 104c 7844; (2-20, 1-180, 2-21) DF: £2440, CSF; £4052, Tricast; £22559 Campai Call 16-1 16-1 16-1 16-1 15-1 £18.30; £3.20, £4.50, DF: £2780, CSF: £98.81 Dunky Dente 25-1 20-1 20-1 20-1 2.20: 1. COOL SECRET (A Culture) 16-1; 2. Maritia 13-8; 3. Pelacegate Touch 6-4 lav. 9 ran. Hd. V. (K Ryan) Tota: £21.80; £3.60, ALL COURSES RESULTS Placenat: £84590, Quadpot: £162.90. ma 23-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 25-1 Place 9: \$1,13910. Place 5: £913.10. 31 31 31 31 31 **0891 261 970** Each way a quarter the costs, places 1 2 3 C Corol, H William HR. L. Ladbroken, S Stanley, 7 Tele

How it always ends in tears

The reigns of England football managers have invariably ended in acrimony. Phil Shaw takes the history lesson



1946-63

IN THE modern era, Winterbottom's reign would surely not have survived England's World Cup defeat by the United States in 1950. The one-time teacher and Manchester United half-back stayed a further 13 years, doubling as FA director of coaching. However, he merely coached and organised a side picked by a selection committee containing club chairmen and FA backwoodsmen. Some players felt he was too academic and complained about 90-minute team talks (although Ron Greenwood described him as the "instigator of all new ideas in English football"). Press relations were increasingly poor and he stepped down after a spate of "Winterbottom must go" headlines.

RECORD: Played 139, won 78, drawn 33, lost 28 World Cup 1950 (Brazil): England eliminated in group

World Cup 1954 (Switzerland): England knocked nut by Uruguay in the quarter-finals.

World Cup 1958 (Sweden): England eliminated after losing a play-off game to the Soviet Union, World Cup 1962 (Chile): England beaten by eventual winners Brazil in the quarter-finals.



BOBBY ROBSON

1982-90 FOR A genial man who had two respectable tilts at the World Cup, Robson endured periods of personalised vilification from press and public alike. Jimmy Greaves, an ex-England colleague, suggested that the "no-holds barred attack" by the tabloids "could not have been more vicious if he'd been a mass murderer". Brian Clough and even Alf Ramsey joined in, but Robson persevered and built a team around the talents of Lineker, Pearce, Beardsley. Waddle et al. On the eve of Italia 90, lurid reports detailing alleged sexual peccadilloes prompted him to amounce he would leave after the finals. "It's a disgrace," he said. "They're trying to sell papers off my back by being sensational."

P95, W47, D29, L19 World Cup 1986 (Mexico): defeated against Argentina ("the hand of God").

European Championship 1988 (Germany): Knocked out

World Cup 1990 (Italy): Knocked nut nn penalties against Germany In the semi-finals, and England lose their thirdplace play-off match against Italy.



THE MANAGER who delivered England the Jules Rimet Trophy was dismissed after eight years of relative failure in its aftermath. Ramsey was rarely at ease with the media, famously rebuffing two reporters who asked how he feit the day after the triumph over West Germany: "Gentlemen, this is my day off." The single-mindedness which initially served the team well became perceived as aloomess and intransigence - "We have nothing to learn from Brazil." he remarked in 1970 - while his teams were increasingly condemned as dull and negative. Press clamour for his demise following failure to qualify for the 74 World Cup was satisfied when the FA sacked him on May Day.

P113, W69, D27, L17
World Cup 1966 (England): England win the World Cup, beating West Germany at Wernbley 4-2 after extra time.
European Championship 1968 (Italy): England are knocked out by Yugoslavia at the semi-final stage, but win the third place play-off match 2-0 against the Soviet Union.
World Cup 1970 (Mexico): England knocked out 3-2 by Germany in the quarter-finals Germany in the quarter-finals.

After falling to qualify for the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany, Ramsey is replaced.



"DON READIES", as his alleged motivation by money led to his being dibbed at Leeds, enjoyed a brief honeymoon with a media grateful for a fresh face after Ramsey's reign. But mutual suspicion and hostility, which simmered during a shambolic attempt to reach the 1978 World Cop finals, boiled over when it emerged that Bario hard Sweld Cop finals, boiled over when it emerged that Revie had fixed himself up with a lucrative deal in Dubai and given the exclusive on his defection to one newspaper (reputedly for £15,000). Revie, who even tried to negotiate a pay-off from the England job on the grounds that the pressure on him-self and his family had become intolerable, had an FA ban slapped on him, while one tabloid claimed he had fixed matches.

P29, W14, D8, 17 Failed to qualify for 1978 World Cup finals.



A FRIEND of Winterbottom's, Greenwood also provided three key men to Ramsey's world-beating line-up. Despite being pushed upstairs" at West Ham, he was seen as having the necessary dignity (vital after the Revie saga) and an advocate of a more "Continental" style by an FA international committee which was under pressure to appoint Brian Clough. Led England to European Championship finals in 1980, with modest results, while the side started well at the ensuing World Cup before fizzling out Media criticism was not as strident as that of his successors, yet "sickening" enough in 1981 for him to tell the players he was quitting. They persuaded him to stay and he retired a year later

P55, W33, D12, L10

European Championship (Italy) 1980: England knocked out at the group stage, World Cup 1982 (Spain): England eliminated at the



TAYLOR GREW up around football journalists, his father being BY COMPARISON with his predecessors, and with Hoddle, Venables was a consummate media manipulator, armed with a ready quip as well as the requisite tactical knowledge which Taylor's critics argued he lacked. Appointed despite the FA's awareness of his tangled business affairs, he was undone not by bad results or harrassment by the red-top papers but by a long-running legal spat with Spurs' owner, Alan Sugar. When the head of the interational committee, Noel White, intimated that he did not have the FA's backing over his determination to pursue litigation, Venables announced he would go after Euro 96. Ironically, like Robson he then took England desperately close to a final.

> P23, W12, D9, L2 . European Championship finals 1996 (England): Defeated an penalties against Germany In semi-finals.



1996-??

WHEN HODDLE'S boots did the talking, few players were more articulate. But, like Taylor, his reign has foundered as much as by his foot-in-mouth utterances as by patchy performances. Though his stock was high after England reached France 98, they fared no better in the finals than Paraguay or Chile. He claimed they would have won the World Cup had they beaten Argentina, and that his one mistake was not taking faith-healer Eileen Drewery. The media came to disdain this inability to admit errors the also said Michael Owen was "not a natural finisher"), as well as what they saw as overbearing self-importance and pretentious. theorising about karma and reincarnation.

World Cup finals 1998 (France): Defeated on penalties against Argentina in second round. Statistics include defeats an penalties.

LAAF's world indoor plan under attack

ATHLETICS

THE Great Britain selectors yesterday named the first 13 sthletes to compete in the World Indoor Championships in Mae-bashi, Japan, on 5 to 7 March. But the UK performance di-rector, Max Jones, said he is un-

happy that tough qualification criteria in the field events will deny up-and-coming athletes the chance to gain valuable experience. "The International Amateur Athletic Federation... want straight finals in the field events with just eight or nine athletes competing. I think it's a flawed plan," he said.

Substantial additions to the team are likely to be made at the final selection meeting oo 24 February.

The former Olympic decathlon champion Daley Thompson heads a group of "golden oldies" who are set to make a track comeback in a 60m sprint challenge at the Bupa Indoor Grand Prix at Birmingham on 14 February. GB squad, Digest, page 23

Ronaldo thinking of home

1990-94

a long-serving scribe, and while with Aston Villa he built a rep-

utation for being articulate, affable and eminently quotable, if a

little verbose. However, attributes viewed as pluses in the Mid-

lands were seen as irritants by the London-based correspondents

covering England, especially after he fell out with Gary Linek-

er during the Euro 92 fiasco. One paper memorably nicknamed

him "The Turnip", and the negative image was compounded by an expletive-ridden TV documentary. His press conferences turned

into confrontations and it was a tormented figure who resigned

European Championship 1992 (Sweden): Knocked nut in

after England missed out on USA 94.

Failed to qualify far 1994 World Cup finals.

P38, W18, D13, L7

BRAZIL

RONALDO WANTS to return home when he finishes playing for his Italian club, Internazionale, the Brazilian World Cup striker said in Barcelona last night. "When I finish my contract

with Inter I will return to Brazil because I have already played five years in Europe Ronaldo said. He was in Barcelona for the presentation of the Fifa World Player of The Year award, an accolade he won in 1996 and 1997.

Ronaldo has a five-year contract with Luter, which ends in 2002. He previously played a season in Spain for Bar-celona and before that had two campaigns with the Dutch club, PSV Eindhoven.

The boy from Rio's slums problem during his time in Europe. He was frequently criticised during his spell at Barcelona for regular trips back to Brazil, most notably for the Rio carnival, returning



AROUND THE WORLD EDITED BY RUPERT METCALF

jet-lagged and unable to give his best in subsequent games. This season Ronaldo has also struggled with injuries, particularly to his knees. "I soffered a little after the World Cup and I'm still suffering but I think I will return to playing like I did before," he said.

Ronaldo will be back in the Catalan capital later this year - but it may be against his wishes. Barcelona are due to face Brazil in their Nou Camp stadium on 28 April 28 part of their centenary celebrations.

ly delighted to be playing the Five players, including the match, Brazil will play it after Mexican international Luis being pressured to do so by their sponsors, Nike. The UNL, better known as Tigres. American sportswear compa- beat eight-man Morelia 3-2 ny are also the sponsors of away from home.

Brazil's coach, Wanderley Luxemburgo, sounded less than enthusiastic about the game last week. "I don't like playing against club sides, but this match was imposed upon us by Nike," he said.

It is not the first time that Nike's relationship with Brazil has caused waves. There was widespread speculation last July that the company had put pressure on the Brazilian team management to play an unwell Ronaldo in the World Cup final against France, but the allegation was strongly denied by Nike officials.

MEXICO

scissors, iron bars, stones, FOURTEEN PLAYERS were fireworks, two mobile telesent off in eight games on Sunday in some stormy Mexphones and a solid lead ball While Barcelona are high- ican League action.

TEMPERS ARE still inflamed Hernandez, were dismissed as

day's French Second Division

with Nice winning 1-0 after

Chabbert was felled by the ob-

ject hurled from the visitors'

section full of Nice fans. As be

lay on the ground clutching his head a firework exploded next to him. He suffered concussion

Missiles thrown on to the

pitch included two pairs of

used in the game of petanque.

and loss of memory.

The match was abandoned

derby game with Nice.

28 seconds following a players' FRANCE

Chester police confirmed that they are investigating an THE CANNES goalkeeper, Sealleged assault on the Jets' bastien Chabbert, was under physiotherapist, Troughtman, while the club's chairman demanded a lifetime observation in hospital vesterday after being struck on the head by a missile thrown ban on Derby's England inter-national Yorick Williams. from the crowd during Satur-

A police spokesman said: "The physio was apparently assaulted and taken to hospital with a suspected broken jaw, but later released." An allegation of assault against her will be investigated, bot no inter-

views have yet taken place. The Basketball League and English Basketball Association are bolding an inquiry to consider the worst outbreak of violence in the history of senior National League basketball in England, which began in 1972. The League have asked Derby for their video of the incident.

on Chester's physio BASKETBALL

after Sunday's abandonment of BY RICHARD TAYLOR the Budweiser League game between Chester Jets and Derby Storm, which was halted after Lofthouse, said: "A player gets

Police probe assault

a lifetime ban if he hits a referee. Is it any less serious if a player runs hits a physio?"
The incident began with a fight on court between Williams Alison and Chester's Shawn Hartley. It restarted when Williams was told that he and team-mate Rico Alderson and Chester's Hartley

and Prentice McGruder were being ejected from the game. The ensuing brawl resulted in all the players being disqual-ified and the game was aban-doned by the officials, Richard Stokes and John Mumford.

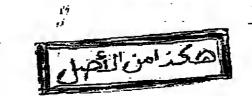
Stokes is again the official when Derby visit Thames Valley Tigers tomorrow night. The Derby coach, Bob Donewald, is suspended unless he appeals today. The association's disciplinary officer is also ruling on a charge against Donewald, after alleged incidents against Birmingham Bullets 10 days ago.

Mauresmo says Hingis is 'stupid'

AMELIE MAURESMO has described Martina Hingis as "stupid" for making remarks about her build. The muscular Frenchwoman beat world No 1 Lindsay Davenport in the semi-finals in Melbourne last week before losing to Hingis in the final.

Remarks by Davenport and Hingis that the 19-year-old "played like a man" led to much coverage, particularly after the French player announced thet she was a lesbian. But Davenport later said she admired the teenager and insisted she had been referring to Mauresmo's style of play. Mauresmo said that Hingis' reported comments were an "unpleasant joke".

Hingis reportedly said that Mauresmo was "balf a man", comments she later denied. But Mauresmo said: "Perhaps she just said it for a laugh, without thinking, but the next day she wasn't very clear either in saying that I played like a man. It was stupid of her."



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Wales call up the boy from nowhere

GRAHAM HENRY may be the most extravagantly rewarded rugby coach in the world, but BY CHRIS HEWETT £250,000 a year is scant consolation when you have to put up with the great and good of the Weish Rugby Union. No sooner had the quick-witted New Zealander announced his side to play Scotland at Murrayfield in Matthew Robinson of Swansea has suddenly appeared from

claim a place on the wing – than

RUGBY UNION

the whole future of the game in the country went on the line at an emergency meeting of the WRU general committee.

Glanmor Griffiths, the WRU chairman, and his much mathis weekend's opening round of ligned grey suiters were thrash-Five Nations matches - ingout a final response to plans for a new Anglo-Welsh competition next season. Griffiths had the back end of nuwhere to originally insisted that 10 Welsh teams should he involved - the

10-year loyalty agreement with the WRU, plus the rebel hordes of Cardiff and Swansea - but the English begged to differ Their

Welsh clubs and preferably two. Henry, who wants to see four élite Welsh clubs and a full British league with all mod cons, is an enormously influential figure, but he may not prove quite influential enough to force the WRU into a mutually beneficial compromise. Besides, he had

eight existing domestic enough problems of his own ing Chris Wyatt in what now ap-Premiership sides who signed a yesterday as he attempted to pears a worryingly lightweight minimise the damage caused by Craig Quinnell's withdrawal from Murrayfield duty.

The Richmond lock damaged proposal? No more than four a knee during last Tuesday night's Allied Dunbar Premiership match with Leicester and declared himself out of the running over the weekend. Ian Gough, the young Pontypridd forward notoriously punched senseless by Ebbw Vale's Mark Jones earlier in the season, will win his second cap by partner-

pears a worryingly lightweight engine room. As if to compensate for the

loss of Quinnell's muscle, Henry has beefed up the rest of his tight five by dropping the props who struggled so badly against Argentina before Christmas, Andrew Lewis and Chris Anthony and pairing the gifted young Swansea loose-head, Darren Morris, with the old Cardiff warhorse, David Young. But it was the promotion of the 25-yearold Robinson, a former Somer-

set cricketer, that captured the imagination of a rugby public desperate for tangible success after the close shave with South Africa in November.

"Yes, Mark has come from nowhere, but he's been scoring tries and has done enough to win a vote of confidence," said the coach yesterday. Henry had toyed with the idea of running one of his high-quality centres. Allan Bateman or Mark Taylor, out of position in the absence of Gareth Thomas, but he finally decided to stick with the known

to make, but in the end I thought I'd be asking too much of Allan or Mark to shift out wide. I really don't like moving people

around at this level." Across the Severn in England. the five London clubs still left in the Tetiey's Bitter Cup generally managed to avoid each other in the draw for the quarter-finals. Wasps and London Irish will lock horns at Loftus Road over the weekend of 28 February, but the other three were granted respite from the peculiar presthough Richmond face a tough task at home to Leicester.

Richmond's home advantage over Leicester may not prove too decisive, given the Tigers comprehensive victory a week ago. Harlequins, however, will fancy their chances of a last four place; admittedly, they must travel to Gloucester, but Kingsholm does not frighten anyone these days. Saracens, the holders, have a far more awkward task at Newcastle, where their Premiership challenge went west last season.

Wigan face trip away to Leeds

LAST SEASON'S two hest teams, Leeds and Wigan, will meet at the first opportunity in this

year's Silk Cut Challenge Cup. The inaugural Super League Grand Finalists were drawn together in the fourth round last night, with last year's Cup winners, the Sheffield Eagles, also facing a tough task at Salford, the side they beat in the Cup

joyed his rugby union experi-

ence - but he is still keen to

The big Queenslander col-

lected 15 tries in 13 appear-

ances for Leeds Tykes, ending

his three-month spell with the

Premiership Two club in their

49-0 trouncing by Leicester at

ing by the touchline, Sailor

would have been forgiven if

his thoughts turned to resum-

ing his Super League career

and the next step is to play in

the First Division." Sailor said.

different side to any other I

came across and it would be

good to test myself against that

standard every week - but I will

op with the Broncos this sea-

Richards, admitted after Sat-

urday's game that his side had

spent some time talking about

the threat Sailor would pose,

and added: "He is a player of

However. Sailor's expres-

sion as he headed back to the

land of his birth suggested that

the 13-a-side game is the one he

"I can't wait to get back to

huge potential."

really loves.

The Tigers coach, Dean

have to see how things devel-

"Leicester were a hugely

"I have really enjoyed my in-

with Brisbane Broncos.

Starved of possession stand-

Welford Road on Saturday.

return to league.

Sailor heads home

to his favoured code

RUGBY LEAGUE

BY DAVE HADFIELD

Wigan's coach, John Monie, does not believe that beating Leeds at Old Trafford in the last game of 1998, will have a big influence on this tie. "We would all prefer to draw someone other than them, especially in

ty to aim for this season,

sights on making the Queens-

vert also offered his opinion on

the differences between the

two sports and the difficulties

he had adapting to the 15-man

game. "As a winger in league

you are involved all the time but

in union you can spend an en-

deal," Sailor said, "But it is far

easier to score tries in league

than it is in union. If you beat

a couple of players in league

you have a clear run to the line.

in union there are another cou-

ple of blokes waiting to nail you.

the off season.

and there is no reason to think that it will be any different this year," he added. John Kear, coach of Sheffield, the holders, expects Salford to try to exact revenge

"It's a tough old draw for us. Andy Gregory and his boys will be highly motivated and focused because they felt very WENDELL SAILOR is heading played a couple of games for hard done by in that semiback to Australia having en- Leeds at Christmas but I didn't final," he said. really get into it, but I have plen-

the semi-final last time.

There is one other all-Super League encounter, between We are the defending Super Castleford and Hull, but much League champions and, when of the attention will concentrate you are at the top, the only way on the surviving small fry. you can go is down," Sailor Leigh Miners-Rangers, the one added. "I'm sure there will be amateur side to beat professional opposition in the third plenty of people waiting for me to fall down and blame it on the round, have been rewarded fact that I played union during with a home draw against Hull KR.

"I have to prove the doubters." "A draw at home is everywrong-and I have also set my thing we wanted," said their coach, Ian Taylor 'It's a fanland team for the State of Oritastic draw. The main thing gin matches and also for was to be at home, and Hull KR Australia in the Tri-Nations at are a big name with a proud cup troduction to rugby union. I've the end of the season. After tradition We flave eight exmanaged to score a few tries that, I might be a bit tired to professional players in our The latest cross-code con- team, and they've been in this position before. It's not an

> impossible task." Featherstone Lions, who beat Hemel Hempstead, are at home to Halifax, while Doncaster, who beat Oldham St Annes in extra time after tire game not doing a great embarrassing confusion over whether there would be a replay, go to London Broncos. The Broncos have released their new prop, Marty McKenzie, who has yet to play a game for them because he needs a back operation.

Greg McCallum There are big differences in certain aspects of play, but League's controller of referees, good unioo teams can make has launched an inquiry into sure you never get the ball why neither side nor the referee, Russell Smith, knew about that doesn't happen in league. the new rule requiring ties to One thing is for sure - even if Sailor does not return to the be settled at the first attempt. "I can promise that it will not happen again," he said.



Police wrestle the beckler to the ground during the Phoenix Open. The man was later arrested after a gun was found in his bag

Woods heckled by fan with gun

A SPECTATOR who beckled Tiger Woods during the Phoenix Open at the weekend was arrested after police discovered a handgun concealed

in a bag he wore around his waist, PGA officials revealed yesterday. The fan was identified by police as Brian Murphy, 40, of Phoenix, who had been following the final threesome of Woods, tournament winner Rocco Mediate and Harrison

Frazar during Sunday's final

round. Police said Murphy was

yelling at Woods and using abu-

sive language. He continued to

in Phoenix, Arizona do so even though he was told to quieten down by a plain-

BY MEL REISNER

clothes police officer.

"The guy... started using ahusive language and then hunged at the officer." Scottsdale police spokesman Doug Dirren told the PGA. "The guy was velling. What are you going to do? Arrest me?' and the officer had to subdue him by putting him on the ground."

Murphy was arrested on

was apparently not aware the man was armed and at no time did he brandish the weapon in any way, police said.

Mediate won the \$3 million (£1.8m) tournament by two shots from Justin Leonard. Woods finished three behind the

winner. Mediate conquered his nerves and two of golf's most dangerous finishers, shooting an unspectacular par-71 which was enough to seal victory. He started six strokes ahead of Tiger Woods and seven ahead

suspicion of aggravated assault of Justin Leonard going into the under a special medical example and disorderly conduct. Woods final round and managed to tension in 1996, and crowned a maintain the lead despite successful year with a sixth-Leonard closing to within two shots and Woods three. Leonard carded a final-round 66, matching the best of the

> tournament on a tough Scottsdale course. Woods shot 68. It was Mediate's third title in 13 years on the US tour. He also won the French Open in 1992. His first victory was at Doral in 1991 and he followed that with victory at Greensboro in 1993 before back surgery interrupted his run of success. He re-

turned to the American tour

place tie in Phoenix that allowed him to regain full playing privileges.

The winner's purse of \$540,000 - double what Mediate won at Greensboro - boosted him to third in the order of merit, David Duval, who carned more than \$1m while winning his first two tournaments, failed to capitalise on the 66 he shot on Saturday and was never in the picture. He struggled to his second 74 of the week and fin-

ished up at one over par.

RUGBY UNION

The France full-back Emile Ntamack

tions' match against freland at Lans-downe Road on Saturday because

match after missing more than a year

The Swansea wing Matthew Robin-son will make his Wales debut in Sat-urday's Five Nations' Championship

opener against Scotland at Mur-rayfield. The 25-year-old replaces the Cardiff back Gareth Thomas, who is still recovering from shoulder

through Injury.

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BOXING

Fernando Ibarra, of Texas, remained in a critical condition last night after sustaining brain injuries during his junior flyweight bout with Ratanachai Vorapin of Thalland last Friday, Ibarra fell hard to the canvas after taking a punch to the jaw. The referee stopped the contest and Ibarra walked back to the dressing-room before losing consciousness. room before losing consciousne Jon Jo Irwin will defend his British featherweight dtle against Alex Moon at Newcastle's Telewest Are-

The World Boxing Council mid-dleweight champion, Hassini Cher-If who was to defend his title Saturday night in a rematch against Keith Holmes, has withdrawn from the bout after suffering a back injury in his final sparring session in France.

CRICKET BNDNA TEAM (v Pakistam, psecond Test, New Delbi, 4 Feb): M Azharud-din (capt): S Ramesh: V V S Laoman, R S Dravid, S R Tendulkar, S C Ganguly, N R Mongia, S & Joshi, A Kumble, J Srinath. 8 K Venkatesh Prasod.

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SPORTING DIGEST

FOOTBALL

Brazil have announced a two-legged rematch against their World Cup semi-final opponents, the Netherlands for the coming summer and autumn. The first game will be held in the north-eastern Brazilian city of Salvador in early June, with a return match in Amsterdam in October. The match in Amsterdam in October. The losing World Cup finalists will also play lunisia on 30 April, two days after an exhibition match against Barcelona, and travel to Australia for

molly (Wolves).
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND B SOUAD (#FAI National League XI, Cartisie Grounds, Bray 9 February): Kiely (Bury), Colgan (Boumemouth), Hardy (Wresham), Carr (Tottenham), Butter (Sunderland), Quinn (Brentford), Savage

FOOTBALL

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FA CUP

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FOURTH-ROUND REPLAY

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

NORTHERN SECTION

Dumbarton v Berwick.

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FA CARKSBERG WASE quarter-final draws: Taunton Town v Lymington & New Milton; Therton Town v Ciltherne: Woodbridge Town v Thame Unit: Bedlington Terriers v Workington, (Ties to be played Saturday 20 February).

The Estoril Open was added to the 1999 European Tour schedule yes-

1999 European Tour schedule yesterday, giving Portugal a third event on the calendar. The new tournament will be held at Penha Longa, Liston, from 15 to 18 April, with prize-money of £395,000 on offer.
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London v Doncaster; Hunslet v St Heiens;
Huddersfield v Swinton; Widnes v Keighley, (Ties to be played weekend of 13–14
Feb).

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION First Division: Queen's Park Rangers v

round replay: Coventry City v Brighton (7.0). Fourth round: Sheffield Wednes-day v Leicester City (7.0). Fourth-round

replays: Swindon Town v Everton: York City v Ipswich Town (7.0).

RUGBY UNION

MES FA YOUTH CUP Third

still recovering from shoulder surgery. WALES TEAM (v Scotland, Marray-field, 6 Feb): S Howarth (Salei: D James (Pontypridd), A Basessan (Romand), 8 Gibts (Swarsea), M Robbeson (Swarsea): M Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Howiey (Cardiff, Capt): D Morris (Swarsea), 3 Humphreys (Cardiff), D Young (Cardiff), C Gharte, (Swarsea), G Gough (Pontypridd), C Wyatz (Usneili), C Charwis (Swansea), M Milliams (Pontypridd), S Oximaeli (Uanelli), Replacements: K Morgan (Pontypridd), M Taylor (Swansea), D Llewellyn (Ebbw Vale), G Lewis (Pontypridd), M Moyle (Uanelli), C Anthony (Swansea), B Williams (Richmond).

TELLEY'S BITTER CUP Quarter-linal draws Richmond v Leicester, Wasps v London Irish; Newcastle v Saracers, Gloucester v Harlequins, (Ties to be played 27-28 Feb).

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Football: England coach threatens to sue over damaging interview as senior FA officials hold talks about his future

Hoddle's rearguard action

BY GLENN MOORE

APPROPRIATELY ENOUGH, Glenn Hoddle's future as coach to the England team came down last night to a matter of belief. Did the Football Association believe him or a journalist? If they had faith in him they would back him, if not they would sack him.

There ought not to have been a choice. While the journalist involved, Matt Dickinson of The Times, is an honourable reporter it would be a bold step for the FA to back his word against that of their national coach.

However, the situation was not so clear cut. Hoddle's history of dissembling, and the way he has tackled the accusation that he said people with disabilities were being punished for misdemeanours in a past life, gave cause for thought to the five senior FA figures who were to determine his fate.

The five men concerned were Geoff Thompson (the acting chairman), David Davies (the acting chief executive). Noel White (Liverpool director and chairman of the FA's international committee), David Richards (chairman of Sheffield Wednesday) and David Sheepshanks (chairman of Ipswich). Davies said last night that their decision was expected by lunchtime today.

The need for urgency was underlined when Davies and Hoddle pulled out of a visit to Barcelona last night for the Fifa World Player of the Year ceremony. This would have been an excellent opportunity to continue building bridges in the wake of the cash-for-votes scandal and to spread the word about the 2006 World Cup bid. In the event the FA was not represented.

Back in London Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director and former manager of Leeds, is in line to fill any breach temporarily. If he is called upon, he would then name the England friendly against France. The squad is due to be announced on

The FA would then have to find a long-term replacement and quickly. The crucial European Championship qualifier against Poland is on 27 March.

The FA know that if they support Hoddle they will have to withstand a storm of protest from disabled groups, politicians and people within the game. The affair had developed such momentum that yesterday even the Prime Minister, Tony Blair,



The FA's acting chief executive, David Davies, faces the cameras outside Lancaster Gate in London before yesterday's meeting on Glenn Hoddle's future

Hoddle should go if he had been correctly quoted in The Times,

This is the crux of the matter and in a series of television interviews yesterday Hoddle's defence to the charge that he ple with disabilities hardened to one of denial. Having earlier claimed his words were "miscontrued" and "misinterpreted", this time he insisted: "It is absolute nonsense that I said these people are being punished for their sins in other lifetimes. That is just not what I

He added that he had "never, ever believed" it and that it "could not be further from the truth". Dennis Roach, his agent, later announced that Hoddle was considering issuing condemned for that, but there

had become involved, saying a writ. The Times; meanwhile, stood by their story.

Hoddle was talking to Sky News in an interview which was given a bizarre twist when it was released in segments while still being conducted - because "live". He also said he was, in turns, saddened, disappointed, frustrated, seething but not angry, and devastated. He was "sorry", but only because people had been upset by the media reaction. Interestingly the interview had been arranged through his advisers, not the FA.

Hoddle has been less than totally honest on occasions in the past. Misleadin, people about injuries and team selection is standard practice among some managers and he cannot be

have been more relevant examples of his being economical with the truth ...

He has previously denied making comments about Michael Owen's "off-the-field" activities, only for the journalrecording including them. He also revealed incidents in his published World Cup diary which he had categorically denied taking place at the time.

Although Hoddle denied making some of the comments that appeared in The Times, he did say similar things in an in-terview with Radio Five Live last year. It was also pointed out last. night that it had taken him two days to deny saying what The Times had reported. He also said his "mistake" had been to "let my guard down" in the in-

his then team-mate. Caught

on camera, the evidence sup-

ported Berkovic's assertion

that "if my head had been a ball,

it would have been in the top

Hartson, who left Upton Park

to become Wimbledon's record

signing for £7.5m two weeks ago,

was handed his punishment at

a hearing of the Football Asso-

ciation's disciplinary committee

at Lancaster Gate. He will miss

three first-team matches for his

new chib from 15 February and

pay the record-equalling fine

after admitting a charge of mis-

conduct. The fine equals those

given to Vinnie Jones (then of

Wimbledon) for putting his

name to a video of vicious tack-

es, and to Arsenal's Patrick

Vieira for an obscene gesture to

the Sheffield Wednesday crowd

A spokesman said: "We re-

gard the incident as clearly

being within our jurisdiction be-

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corner of the net".

terview, which suggests he felt he had been drawn into saying something unintended. He is not especially articulate and in the past his chunsiness has led to his saying things he did not mean. For example, his claim goalscorer" was supposed to be

All this adds to the dilemma facing the FA. The key figures were involved in telephone conferences throughout yesterday. In the back of their minds was the knowledge that Hoddle, for all his faults, would not be easy to replace. This is the job that drove Don Revie to the desert. turned Bobby Robson grey and caused Graham Taylor to wake up in the middle of the night with his pyjamas soaked in

Long-term possibilities in cluded Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan, Arsène Wenger, Roy Hodgson, Alex Ferguson and Venables. With the Poland match. eight weeks away the FA would have to identify the right man, then, in most cases, persuade his employers to release him.

It is a tall order and, in the interim, Wilkinson was being lined up. However, Peter Taylor, who has done a decent job with the England Under-21 team, could

step up if Wilkinson refuses. As far as Hoddle was concerned this was academic speculation. Tve not considered resigning," he said, adding that he had received telephone messages of support from England players. People are going to do this, it is the nature sometimes of this job. It is not a pleasant experience, but it is one I will learn from You ask Is it worth the hassle?' My attitude has always been it is a privilege to be manager of England.

"At this moment in time I still the team out against France. Some of them have been through this themselves and this might even pull us together even stronger."

This optimism, like so much of Hoddle's character, comes from his faith. As with many men, his greatest strength is also his greatest weakness. It always ends in tears,

Bobby Robson offers to help

BY CLIVE WHITE

BOBBY ROBSON, the former England manager, said last night that providing he could free himself he would be prepered to take temporary charge of the national team should there be a parting of the ways between Glenn Hoddle and the Football Association.

Robson, who stands down as coach of Dutch side PSV Eindhoven at the end of the season when Eric Gerets takes over is almost alone in regarding the England job as still the most prestigious in the land.

It is amazing that even at 62 years old and after the persecution he suffered at the hands of the media he could still even consider doing it again, even though his eight-year reign from 1982-1990 eventually ended on a triumphant note when he steered England to the semi-finals at Italia 90.

"If I was free and the country was in a spot then, yes, for the short term," he told The Independent yesterday from the Netherlands.

"I'm sure if you asked Terry Venables he would also say 'yes'. But there must be late of other candidates. Not so long ago all of our better young managers wouldn't touch the job with a bargepole.

"I regarded it as the greatest job in football. What I had at Ipswich, in [terms of] the quality of life (was good), but I gave it all up because that's the way it was in those days. If I'd never taken it I'd have sat back in my rocking chair later on in life and said, what a fool I was to turn it down'. I've no regrets. It was a fantastic phase of my life, a great education."

successful Englishman ever to manage abroad but believes that a younger man should have the job and was interested to know where Kevin Keegan stood among the list of contenders. When told he bimself was 50-1 in the betting to 52 take over should Hoddle's tenure come to and end he replied: "Fifty-to-one! I'm disappointed."

THE TUESDAY CROSSWORD



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cause John was a professional sootballer going about his duties and subject to our rules," he said. Hartson apologised at the FA hearing and the disciplinary committee accepted that he had since made his peace with OPublished by Independent Newspapers (US) Limited, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 SDL, and printed at Mirror Berkovic. The Israeli mid-Back issues available from Historic Newscapers, 01988 840370

Hartson fined

£20,000 by FA

JOHN HARTSON was yesterday fined £20,000 and suspended for three games for his training fielder, who missed a reunion with Hartson when West Ham ground attack on Eyal Berkovic played Wimbledon last Saturday The incident happened because of flu, had sent a letter during a West Ham training to the committee saying that be session as Berkovic knelt on the and Hartson had settled their ground after a hard tackle by

differences since the attack. The committee accepted, the FA spokesman said, that the two players had subsequently gone on to train and play together and that no grudges ad been held West Ham's manager, Harry Redkoapp, had already fined his centreforward the maximum two weeks' wages - about £10,000and donated the money to a children's leukaemia charity. Redknapp said last night: "It is a very harsh punishment in my view. I fined John £10,000 after

done this to him." Hartson's new manager, Joe Kinnear, said: "I need some time to think about this. I didn't expect that." Yesterday's disciplinary panel made its decision after hearing evidence from Hartson, who has 14 days to appeal against the decision.

Meanwhile, Liverpool's Rob Jones seems likely to become Redknapp's latest recruit. The former England right-back was in talks with the Hammers over the weekend and is looking at houses in the area before moving. Redknapp will try to agree a fee with Liverpool-he is likely to have to raise his opening offer of £200,000.

City set for £30m cash injection

BY ALAN NIXON

MANCHESTER CITY, for the past few years one of football's poor relations, are on the verge of a £30m cash injection - which could happen this week.

City's manager, Joe Royle. will be given up to £20m to spend on new players, while a further £10m will be invested in club shares. The Second Division side will unveil details after a board meeting on Thursday. The identity of the club's backer is being kept secret. However, it is understood to be an English-based corporation with foreign connections.

Aston Villa's central defender, Ugo Ehiogu, will be out of acthe incident but now they have tion for at least a month with a fractured eye socket. He suffered the injury when accidentally kicked by Alan Shearer during Saturday's Premiership match with Newcastle.

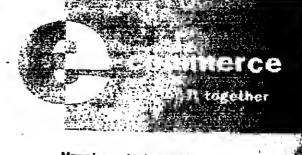
Blackburn's French defender Sébastien Perez has returned to his former club. Bastia, on loan until the end of

The Wolves striker, Robbie Keane, has been recalled to the Republic of Ireland squad for a friendly against Paraguay on 10 February in Dublin. Alan Kelly, Ian Harte and Lee Carsley are also recalled by the Republic's manager, Mick McCarthy.

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One man and his God

Glenn Hoddle, the man who believed too much

one of this, of course, would stand up in a court of law. Glenn Hoddle failed to win the World Cup. He was unable to maintain the customary level of moral support for some of his players (Gazza, Becks, the boy Owen). Unforgivably, he betrayed the confidence of some of them. He left his wife and kids. He was too interested in money. He aired a few theories that appeared to have been borrowed from the lyrics of Tales from Topographic Oceans. His team got off to a shoddy start in the qualifying round for Euro 2000. And now the nation appears to have decided, prompted by its Prime Minister, that it has had enough of him. At 40 years of age, Glenn Hoddle stands convicted

of being, by one reading, too thoughtful and insuf-ficiently eloquent. English professional footballers are not supposed to worry about the next life. The next 90 minutes are their problem. They belong to a very particular culture, and they venture beyond it at their peril. After his famous initial encounter with Eileen Drewery, when she cured the young Tottenham Hotspur player's injury by means of something she described to him as "absent healing". Hoddle's mind was stretched beyond the limits prescribed by his background and his normal working environment. It is to his credit that he accepted the ntellectual challenge; it is a pity, many of us may think that the test was not a worthier one.

The tabloids were always going to get him one day. Hoddle had offended too often, by refusing to play the game their way. He had sometimes intentionally misled them, be had often let them see his contempt for them, and he had not given them the unbroken string of victories that would allow them to include the unfettered jingoism so pleasing to their circulation departments. But Hoddle was never quite comfortable with the beer-and-buildog ambience of

the Sun Bus, and his unease became his downfall. Yet it was only be a seeming paradox that the clumsy and unnecessary statement last week of his views on handicapped people should appear in an interview in The Times. No paper appears to value football coverage more highly as a circulation weapon, wielded in conjunction with Sky Sport's Premier League contract. The Sun probably doesn't know whether to bemoan its own failure to provoke the scoop, or to dance a jig at the prospect of being

able to write Hoddle'a obituary at last. Hoddle's words upset many disabled people and their representatives – a perfectly natural reaction. Glenn Hoddle says that the lame, the blind and the halt have only themselves to blame," they were told. "How do you feel about that?" There could be only one response, and David Blunkett voiced it in unanswerable terms. Hoddle's attempt to suggest that his beliefs were more complex, fell on deafened ears.

It does no good at this stage to suggest that many of those leading the condemnation of Hoddle's views themselves subscribe to a cult whose believers led by our head of state and our Prime Minister -

have no trouble with numinous phenomena. whether they be serial plagues, the parting of seas or tricks with loaves and fishes. Or, indeed, with the basic notion of an afterlife. Hoddle's version of man's relationship with eternity certainly smacks of a shallow immersion in the debris of Sixties spiritualism, but he is hardly alone in that. It may, indeed, simply be a matter of degree. The Right Reverend David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham and the Church of England's most celebrated sceptic, acknowledged as much when he deplored the speed with which people are condemned for their beliefs

BY RICHARD WILLIAMS

or for holding beliefs at all.

Yet the fact is that whatever good work Hoddle may have done for disabled people in the past, he has undone it all through words with which, unwittingly, he has enabled others to hold them up to ridicule. You do not have to believe in the doctrine of political correctness to understand that significant advances have been made in attitudes to illness in general and to handicapped people in particular, often expressed through the choice of popular terminology. Using the term "Down's syndrome" in preference to "mongolism" does make a difference. Hoddle's words could do nothing but achieve the precise opposite of their intention.

the journalist in question. It's true that apparently random comments are sometimes distorted by newspapers to suit their purposes, and this certainly happened to Hoddle recently, when a reference to David Beckham's disciplinary record was blown up into the semblance of a full-scale row on the eve of That mistake calls into question the overall ac-England'a last match. That should bave made curacy of his judgement. But perhaps even that is Hoddle wary of anything he said, even to The Times.

him the right to such consideration.

A few years ago, the question that provoked the

damaging quotes would not have been asked. No

football reporter of the Sixties would have thought

Alf Ramsey's theology worth probing. Had it come

up, it would have remained unrecorded, in the man-

ner of Jack Kennedy's philandering or the behav-

iour of MCC teams in distant parts of the Empire.

In that way the fate of Hoddle resembles that of Clin-

ton, except that the former's zip problem is with his

represented and misconstrued" by Matt Dickinson,

being too kind. Perhaps the ability to hold such a But he had done enough in the past to be denied belief, in apparent seriousness, is an indication of the benefit of the doubt when it really counted. A a deep character flaw, another expression of the man so devious and insecure that be could order man's inflexibility, also known as his self-belief. Such a player to lie about his medical condition - as, on a quality can be seen as priceless when the man possessing it is an undoubted winner. But Hoddle Hoddle's own free admission, was the case with a reluctant Gareth Southgate in France last summer has won nothing as England's coach, which denies - may be thought at best marginally suited to the responsibility of leading the England football squad.

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And who, now, would want the job? Since Ramsey's fall from grace after failing to qualify for the 1974 World Cup, no England coach has emerged unscathed. Don Revie became a pariah; Ron Greenwood lost much of his football reputation; Bobby Robson gave up in disgust; Graham Taylor became a laughing-stock; Terry Venables was engulfed by his own tide of sleaze. Thanks to football's popularity. it is a job requiring a range of qualities that can hardly be embodied in a single person.

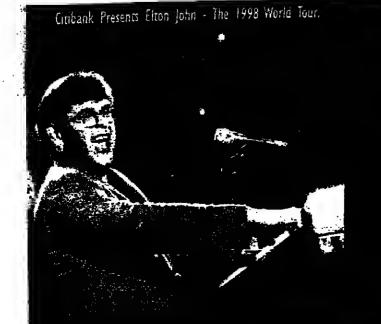
lip. The question of whether this world or that one It may be easy to say this now, after their deliris the better is beside the point; this one - with its full-beam prurience and lynch-mob justice - seems ious triumph last July, but maybe the French have to be the one in which most people are happy to live. discovered the best way. Their team is run by a group Almost the last vestige of sympathy for Hoddle's of solid, relatively anonymous men, mutually supportive, working together on a long-term project with clear philosophies to guide them. There are no plight disappeared with his claim to have been "miscolourful characters in the Venables mould, but when attacks from the press come - as they did before the World Cup, when the modest Aime Jacquet was the butt of severe and unjustified criticism - their solidarity provides an effective shield. A lesson here for the Football Association perhaps. Although surely not for Glenn Hoddle, for whom his belief is shield enough. Or so we hope, as be is carried out on it.

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Hoddle pilloried

Sir: I see one good result which may come from l'affaire Hoddle: it may serve to make an unthinking belief in reincarnation less popular. At present it must be the fastest-spreading religious opinion in this country. But I am less enthusiastic about hnunding Hoddle from his job because of his defective theology.

The tabloid gunfire aimed at Hoddle also hits other targets. Are we to understand that no orthodox Hindu or Buddhist is permitted to hold a prominent public post in this country? The Rev G P BENSON

Barnston, Merseyside

Sir: The idea that sickness and disability are in some way related to sin is very old (see Job in the Bible). But then so is the idea we should punish or pillory those who hold different religious views from ourselves. The question in a civilised society is whether the holding of even offensive religious views merits such treatment. I hope not Dr A R CADAMY

Kildwick, West Yorkshire

Sir: Now that the principle is clearly established - public figures who attack disadvantaged groups on the basis of outlandish superstitions should resign - I await with eager anticipation the Prime Minister's calls for the removal of anti-homosexual bishops and former Chief Rabbis from the House of Lords. Perhaps Gienn Hoddle could be appointed to replace them in the transitional SIMON CHRISTMAS Cambridge

Sir: In the light of the furore over Glenn Hoddle's remarks, why aren't we demanding the sacking of other public figures who espouse equally crackpot ideas? I am thinking of the Queen, Tony Blair and a significant number of the ruling classes whose belief in a supernatural father figure, eternal damnation and the immortality of a human soul are, if anything, more frightening than Glenn's homespun philosophy. LES BEAUMONT London W13

Sir: Can we hope that Glenn Hoddle will be reincarnated as one of Mary Chipperfield's baby LESLEY BROWNE London SW1

Sir: Is it possible that, if I say or do something breathtakingly stupid in this life, I might be reincarnated as the England football coach? DAVID FÜLLMAN Norwich

alone. If what he believes is true then he will come back as a toad. OWOOLCOTT Oxford

Care in crisis

Sir: David Aaronovitch is right to say that the "selflessly excellent rub alongside the chronically inefficient" in our public services ("What's the point of spending a fortune on nurses and teachers?" 28 January). This is certainly true in services for people with learning

In residential homes there is an appalling lack of care. It is not unusual for those whn are supposed to support people with learning disabilities to spend hours watching television, talking among themselves, or speaking on the telephone. In this culture of laziness and complacency it should not be surprising that abuse often goes undetected.

Is there any good reason why the homes of vulnerable people should not be electronically surveyed? Is there any way other than supervision by closed circuit television that we can ensure that people with a learning disability receive an adequate service in their own homes? There are many problems with privacy and staff feeling uncomfortable but

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Independent Eye No 2: Men of the Irish Republican Army march through the streets of Dublin in 1922 at the beginning of the civil war. This picture is taken from 'An Independent Eye: A Century of Photographs' (Sutton Publishing, £20)

where is there a real alternative?

The powers of choice and complaint are meaningless unless we can see what is going on in these places. I have worked in the learning disability services since 1994 and know neglect is widespread CCTV might even allow us to pay a decent wage to those who are doing their job conscientiously. FRANCIS ELLIOTWRIGHT London SE4

Sir. David Aaronovitch was out of date in his comparison of poor ancillary workers with wonderful nurses. Despite the antics of the unions, until Mrs Thatcher introduced "efficiency savings" into the NHS we had a large effective ward teams, including often excellent ancillaries.

Mrs Thatcher privatised ancillary services. The contracts were won by the lowest bidders, who made money by cutting pay. No wonder they appear

Many would argue hospitals will never be as effective again until ancillaries are restored to NHS conditions of service and real ward teams are rebuilt. DAVID DUFFY Ipswich, Suffolk

The writer was an NHS manager

Bad news: prices up

Sir: Your report "House prices buoyant in key areas" (27 January) applauds house price rises with phrases like "some homeowners enjoying rises" but "a gloomy picture elsewhere". I am sure you would not be writing in such terms about cars or food.

House inflation only benefits estate agents and landowners. Everyone else suffers - first time buyers and those needing to move up the housing chain all see their dream house going out of their reach. It is a prime cause of general inflation, which in turn brings higher interest rates, making mortgages dearer.

But the most serious result, from my perspective as a local councillor grappling with how to accommodate vast numbers of new houses without destroying our beautiful countryside, is that inflation stokes up demand in a never-ending cycle, with everyone jumping on the bandwagon before the next rise, and we end up with an urban sprawl. DEREK FISHER Gloucester

Coward's way

Sir: Philip Hoare's paean for the values of Noel Coward (Comment, 1 February) was summed up more than three decades ago in a top newspaper's thundering headline orial on the trial: A DECENT RETICENCE. But in reality this is everything that the English do not need.

Since Shakespeare's time we have isolated ourselves from the beauties and terrors of myth and passion; we have covered the rawness of our nature in Prince of Wales check. Coward was right to indicate that an unrestrained peeling-back-to-nature was a

Sir: The article "I think,

therefore I'm a chimp" (29

January) suggests that only

children over the age of 18

months, the higher apes and

with a mirror, But I have a

floor-length mirror in her

to see, ensuring that every

DAVID MARTIN

feather is presented to a high

standard. I presume that she is

self-conscious as well as vain.

Sir: Richard Dawkins of all

told that there is a great

people should not have to be

difference between clones and

possibly dolphins display self-

house-hen who regularly uses:

preening. Twisting and turning

as she preens, she checks the

effect in places otherwise bard

consciousness when confronted

mistake; but his denial of the mythic and ecstatic aspects to human existence reminds me of the king in Euripides' Bacchae, whose suppression of the rites of Dionysos drove him mad.

Somehow we need to integrate the mythic and the irrational into our lives. This was one of the things that the playwrights of the Fifties and Sixties were saying; this was the whole ethos of the Sixties - to me a "marvellous party" (yes!) where hierarchy, class distinctions and the urge to control others were jettisoned in favour of love, individuality, discovering common humanity, ending superiority and

bossiness, and taking responsibility for one's own life. After such discovery, the world appealing as a dutiful railway

sandwich. CHRISTOPHER J WALKER London W14

Adoption 'choice'

Sir: Yasmin Alibhai Brown is disingenuous ("Secrets, lies and the burning need to discuss adoption", 29 January). To give

IN BRIEF

identical twins ("Dawkins: Pd

let daughter be cloned", 30

younger, than the person

human cloning, it is a

identical twins.

RALPH ESTLING

Aminster. Somerset

January). No one chooses to

create twins. Moreover, clones

will be younger, perhaps much

choosing to have a clone made

pretend that clones are simply

of him- or herself. Whatever

the merits or lack of them of

disservice to the debate to

Sir: Michael Butterworth

(letter, 1 February) writes of

John Bayley's "brave choice". But revulsion to his book Iris

arises from the fact that Iris

about whether to keep their babies or have them adopted, we need to offer them a realistic income upon which they can raise their babies. The current amount -

teenage mothers a real choice

something like £67 per week gives teenage mothers a choice to starve their babies (or themselves - lots of research shows that is happening), while going round the bend. Give mothers a proper income - say £200 per week - and then we can talk about choice. It is remarkable how emotionally resilient people can become on an adequate income. JEAN MOLLOY London SE13

to prevent teenage pregnancies by giving girls a raw egg to look after, thus alerting them to the burdens of parenthood. I find it extraordinary that only girls are mentioned ("Chicken eggs help girls learn about sex", 29 January). Surely, boys, being after all. 50 per cent of the equation, should be equally targeted? It appears that their

Murdoch had no choice whether

Whereas other public figures go

case the informant is right there

in the bed beside her recording

regimes of eastern Europe the

obligatory form of address was

statutory requirement - surely

a fitting confirmation of their

her privacy should be invaded.

to endless trouble to avoid

every grunt and snore.

MARGARET McGOVERN

Sir: Under the socialist

"comrade". When do our

masters propose to make

"mate", now used quite indiscriminately by public

servants and others, a

egalitarian principles?

PGADDISON

paparazzi intrusion, in Iris's

pogroms against "degenerate" art in the Thirties. I have never thought

responsibilities are not regarded

as relevant at all. So much for

Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire

equal opportunities.
JOAN MOORE

Pogrom music

Sir: Surely all music is "real

(subjective) view of what he

considers good music.

music". Mr de Blancke (letter, 29

January) simply has a different

write this "meretricious modern

garbage" should not be called

composers smacks of the Nazi

To suggest that the people who

of the BBC as the great defender of "the revolution" but perhaps its underfunded makes it a public body of which Marx would be proud. Maybe Mr de Blancke should look at his own understanding of

that which he derides and decide whether it is not in fact he who is MARK CUNNINGHAM Edinburgh

Talk of the devil

Sir: In stating that the devil serves as something to get us off the book of taking full responsibility for our actions Paul Vallely betrays a misunderstanding of the biblical perspective both on Satan and on the human mind ("Who the devil are you?", 28 January). If we are inclined not to take responsibility for our actions there is a whole host of things to blame. Satan has no monopoly in the culprit market. We can blame upbringing, hormones, genes, stars, other

people - the list is endless. The simplistic view that God is willing to prevent evil but oot able or else able but not willing misses the point. God gave his son. Jesus laid down his life. God made himself vulnerable, the subject of evil, to show its bankruptcy up against him. We too have a share in this victory. JOHN ATHANASIOU London N9

Cruel without bias

Sir. Yet again the comoscenti - or m this case Philip Hensher (Comment, 29 January) - lambaste Bernard numaning as being untimes the crucilest of mealts for any

comedian. As a writer researching the social importance of humour. I have attended a number of performances by so called "offensive" comedians such as Chubby Brown, the late Ball Hicks and of course Bernard Manning. What they all have in common, Mr Manning included, is that they without ful, make their audiences laugh.

Whether or not I like their subject matter, if they, as they often do, reduce those who pay good money to see them to tears of laughter, I can only assume they are funny. Clearly, what is offensive to the average intellectual, politically correct broadsheet columnist is side-splittingly family to thousands of people who are prepared to buy this brand of humour either in the form of live performances or in recorded material.

People claim Bernard manning is sexist and racist, but in truth he attacks everyone - his act is that of a true misunthropist. He is every bit as tikely to launch intera member of the nudience for being pasty faced or badly dressed as he is for them being black or Asian. Everyone in the audience is a potential target. Maybe the frisson of possibly being singled out for ridicule and momentarily appearing in the spotlight is, along with the joy of watching others squirm, what drives people along in their droves. Dr CRISPIAN BEASLEY Reading, Berkshire

In praise of fibre

Sir: The scepticism of Barry Groves (letter, 27 January 1 is both unwarranted and unhelpful. The hypothesis that a high-fibre diet may help reduce the risk of bowel cancer is based on a large body of evidence which was detailed in the Government's Coma report last

Individual studies are only useful as pointers and the balance of the data still supports a role for a fibre-rich diet.

Other major studies which are due to report in the near future such as Epic (following over 400,000 men and women in nine European countries) will provide additional valuable evidence.

The importance of a balanced diet that is rich in fruit, vegetables and cereals in maintaining good health is not in dispute and certainly can do no harm. This remains the position of the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Research Campaign and other European cancer charities. Dr LESLEY WALKER Head of Science Information

Sir: Barry Groves is apparently wrong when he says at the end of his letter 'And there is no evidence that fibre reduces the risk of heart disease either."

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The authors of a recent paper in the New England Journal of Medicine found no evidence that dietary fibre has any influence on the incidence of colorectal cancer: hut they end their paper by saying that "there are cogent reasons for increasing fibre intake, particularly the inverse association with coronary heart disease observed in many studies".

It is worth adding that no sophisticated studies are necessary to show that fibre relieves constipation. You just have totrvit Dr ROGER JAMES Old Portsmouth. Hampshire

Unattractive

Sir: I agree with Mohamed al-Fayed's statement that Harrods has become a major tourist attraction (Right of Reply, 28 January). In common with many of London's tourist attractions it is overcrowded, tacky, over-priced and avoided by most Londoners. ADAM E B TAYLOR-SMITH Godalming, Surrey

The Glenn Hoddle guide to a better life – next time

THANKS TO the missionary work of Glenn Hoddle, public interest in reincarnation is being widely aroused again today. But what exactly is it and can it make England more effective in goal-mouth scrambles? Today we bring you a complete pre-match background briefing.

How does reincornation work,

Well, first you die...

Then you come back again. What? Back here? Nn - somewhere else. Somewhere like Milton Keynes? If you'd been very bad, yes. So living in Milton Keynes is a punishment for behaving badly in a previous existence, is it?

Or is that just a cheap joke at Milton Keynes's expense? And you might just as well have said Bracknell?

All right, then, what happens if uou live in Milton Keynes and behave badly there? What would happen next? How would you be punished for behaving badly in Milton Keynes?

You'd be reborn in Basingstoke. And if you misbehaved in Basingstoke?

You might come back as the England football manager. Sn you think Glenn Hoddle is being punished now for some misdoing in a previous existence?

football fans are being punished. What for? Glenn Hoddle's misdoings in a previous existence?

Not necessarily, But English

Not necessarily. But the continuing frustration of English football followers in Euro 96 and World Cup 98 and every competition you can think of, might be due to England's misdeeds in a previous existence.

The England team is suffering now because of their players' misdeeds in a previous existence? Nn. It is much more likely that they are suffering because of the misdeeds of their supporters in a

past existence. Supporters' misbehaviour? That's a bit unfair, isn't it? I mean, f England supporters had been Italian supporters in a previous existence, and had misbehaved as Italian supporters, and then were reincornated as English supporters, then the present English football scene would be suffering for Italian supporters' misdeeds!



MILES KINGTON

What do you think Manchester United's players were in a previous incarnation?

Well, that's well out of order! Nobody ever said that reincar-

nation was fair. Life isn't fair Football isn't fair. David Beckham being sent off wasn't fair. Gareth South gate's penalty wasn't fair. Manchester United's success isn't fair. What do you think Manchester

United's players were in their last incornation? English, probably. But they've all come back as foreigners.

Of course, if your theory is true, then Brazilian supporters have all behaved well in a previous life, I suppose. How come?

Well, Brazil is the most successful football team in history. Therefore their fans are benefiting from a multitude of previous olomeless existences.

Perhaps. Also from the fact that their players have good finishing. individual flair and years spent practising barefoot football on the golden sands of Brazil's beaches. Ah! So reincarnation isn't responsible for everything!

Certainly not. We all have to make use of the gifts we are given. Except Senor Juan Samaranch, of course. He doesn't make use of his gifts. He just puts them in a glass case and has them valued from time to time.

Do you think Senor Samaranch should resign? No. I think he should die now and come back as a bed bug.

In Milton Keynes? Nn. In the worst bedroom of a

very low class one-star hotel in a which was refused Olympic status by Samaranch himself.

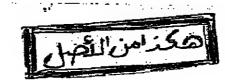
I see. But does anyone actually seriously believe in reincar-

Glenn Hoddle, and many major Eastern religions. Friedrich Nietzsche also believed in a perpetual cycle of destiny repeating itself which may have been some form of reincarnation, or may be more like listening to The Archers omnibus on Sunday morning and suddenly realising you've heard it all

befnre. Who do you think Nietzsche came back as?

Margaret Thatcher. Margaret Thatcher? Good Lord! How does reincarnation work,

Owing to previous misdeeds, this conversation has been doomed to repeat itself for ever. Please go back to the top and start again.



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This healthy rise is not enough to cure our public services

YESTERDAY'S PAY awards for nurses and teachers should be a sure-fire vote-winner for any government, a fact that certainly will not have been lost on New Labour. With the public accounts in the black and inflation low, even Whitehall civil servants, less visible and less popular, could yesterday have been promised pay awards at more than the rate of inflation. Any government would welcome the chance of such relatively painless electoral gain.

This package is particularly important to the Government as it will remove some specific obstacles to its election pledges on improving public services. Nurses just entering the service will be given a substantial rise of 12 per cent, bringing their starting pay near the level of newly qualified teachers. The difficulties the NHS experienced this winter were partly due to a chronic shortage of nurses; this rise, along with advertising to encourage people into the profession, will go some way towards rectifying the situation. There is a shortage of suitable prospective headteachers, too; the 9 per cent increase in heads' pay may encourage more teachers to apply for that difficult job of running a school.

But headline rises for some, ameliorating the difficulties of particular sectors, serve only to disguise the reality of the situation overall. Whatever the Downing Street briefing, nurses and teachers will not make up the lost wages that years of phased pay awards have involved. The nurses receiving that attention-grabbing 12 per cent represent only 7 per cent of the profession; this year's rises do not solve at a stroke the problem that nurses and teachers remain comparatively poorly paid. The Government will have to follow this up, year after year, just to keep wages at their present relative worth.

Modern governments are tight-fisted; tax resistance and implicit pay policies mean that those they pay direct will always bear the brunt of their parsimonious rectifude. But this need not mean that public sector pay should fall as far behind as it has. The brightest graduates can earn up to double what teachers start on; no amount of youthful idealism or government advertising will attract them or their peers into schools. Only pay rises will do that, by increasing the attraction of public service.

But as the Prime Minister made clear yesterday, wages are not everything. Many public sector workers have advantages those in the private sector do not: long holidays, security of tenure, good pensions. Equally, the physical conditions in wards and classroooms continue to be unacceptable, one reason why many young people prefer private sector jobs. New Labour has admitted as much, earmarking funds to modernise and upgrade huildings.

ugh government can and must pay more for



wages, as the Cabinet "enforcer" Jack Cunningham has made clear. The Government must therefore be imaginative enough to introduce more selective benefits. Its attempts to introduce incentives for the best and the brightest -- more training and promotion opportunities and performance-related pay - are particularly welcome. Such initiatives could go some way to make up for the remaining gap between public and private pay.

The management of schools and hospitals should be given the discretion in recruitment that the private sector takes for granted; for one thing, this could rectify teacher shortages in areas such as London, and in certain skills and subjects. If headteachers and hospital managers wish to pay more to employees particularly deserving of promotion, then they should be able to, as a government Green Paper on education has recognised. After years of restraint, most public servants deserve er wages. But only more flexibility will ensure that public service, it may never be able to match private-sector what extra money is available is not squandered.

The honourable fall of a flawed gentleman

WE CAN only guess what motivated a member of the European Parliament, and a Tory at that, to attempt to re-enter Britain carrying drugs and pornography. Perhaps Tom Spencer, Euro-MP for Surrey, gets a thrill from such risks but the blanket condemnation found in much of the press seems as puzzling as Mr Spencer's gamble.

In an age of spin, when politicians and policies are packaged as if they were consumer goods, Mr Spencer's candour since his misdemeanour became public seems endearingly quaint. The usual phoney tabloid outrage over a politician caught in a sex and drugs scandal has been hiunted by Mr Spencer's openness, frankness and even

hospitality to the press pack outside his doors.

afflicted politicians in similar scandals. He has resigned speedily, admittedly after pressure from his party, but maintaining at least the appearance of decency. In his complex private life, Mr Spencer seems to have behaved with bonour towards his family. His wife and step-daughter have always known about his sexual preferences; most people will understand his wish to delay telling his younger daughters about his lifestyle until they are a little older.

Mr Spencer's sins seem rather mild when compared to other disgraced politicians. Recent rule-breaking by both Labour and Conservative members has included taking money to ask questions in Parliament, lying under oath, and failing to register loans. Ultimately, this tale will barely register on the Richter scale of political earthquakes. Although Surrey's MEP will be punished for his sins, he has displayed such dignity since the storm broke that one is left with the thought that perhaps he would make a rather more honourable representative than many of the He has displayed none of the arrogance that has political colleagues he will soon be leaving behind.

Must we bury eccentricity under a cloak of political correctness?

bead!" Let us call it Queen of Hearts syndrome after the bloodthirsty playing card monarch from Alice in Wonderland. It's an odd condition, this distantly related to Tourette's - in which the sufferer loudly demands that a judge or a sportsperson - or a politician - should lose their job for something completely unrelated to their public function. And over the weekend two new figures, the England football boss Glenn Hoddle and the Tory MEP Tom Spencer, became vic-

tims of the rampant Queen of Hearts.

Hoddle first. On Sunday afternoon Margaret Hodge, the minister with responsibility for the disabled, testribed Hoddle as having uttared sentiments that those with disabilities would find "deeply insulting". In view of his comments, she said, she felt that it was "inappropriate that he should hold that place". Then, yesterday, Tony Blair added that if the reports were accurate Hoddle would find it difficult to stay. Brirr! This is heavy stuff, the Prime Minister calling for a foot-bull Hanager to be sacked. It never happened to Terry Venables, even amid all the allegations about money

and dodgy companies. This isn't just a Labour thing. The Tory MP Peter Bottomley said that Hoddle's remarks were "not Christian, scientific or acceptable" (as if those three things had ever had anything to do with each other). Oddly, the previous month's victim of Queen of Hearts syndrome concurred. Former spin doctor Charlie Whelan argued in The Observer that Hoddle should resign because he wouldn't be able to

"OFF WITH his head! Off with her stand up to all that pressure coming from those in the press calling for him to resign. An ingenious argument, but not, I feel, what Charlie was saying to Geoffrey Robinson all those months.

This is what nasty old Glenn is reported to have said. "You and I," he told a journalist, "have been physically given two hands and two legs and halfdecent brains. Some people have not been born like that for a reason. The karma is working from another lifetime. It is not only people with disabilities. What you sow, you have to reap. You have to look at things that happened in your life and ask why. It

comes around." That's it. Glenn believes that things happer la tida existencia as a conse quence of events in previous lives. But why, lamented one sports writer, "was it necessary to get involved in dis-cussions about the hereafter?" The answer is because Hoddle was asked. What should be have said? "No. I only talk about football." At this rate no one except musicians will dare to appear on Desert Island Discs.

I am not big on spiritualism and all that stuff myself. I think that Hodgie suffers from an under-educated intelligence: he's clever, but he has never been trained to use his mind. But, my God, he's far from being alone. One of my best friends is an immensely talented, sensitive and charismatic man. He is also, in religious terms, a kook. He has clapped happy with the happlest of clappies, has bung out with the ultra-liberals at St James's, Piccadilly, and is certain both that he has been reincarnated several times and that he has healing



AARONOVITCH

Is it more insulting to believe disability is a legacy of a previous life than that it's God's will?

powers. He believes what Hoddle

Now go into your local bookshop. The chances are that the "New Age" section is about three or four times as big as that devoted to "Science and Technology". Look at them; books on how spacemen built the pyramids, best-selling ahistorical nouseuse by the likes of Graham Hancock and Erich von Däniken, endless bollocks

about Templars and Rosicrucians. On telly there are credulous programmes with titles such as Strange But True and Mysteries With Carol Vorderman (a show that never explores the true mystery of modern British life - Carol herself) that practically invite viewers to visit their nearest faith healer or spiritualist. In newspapers there are special sunplements on the crystal skulls of El Disculpture on Mars. A complete tribe of astrologers lives off the notion that

your star sign affects your destiny. This pick naix spirituality is the new religion. And why should I be more worried about terms such as pre-existence, rebirth, re-embodiment, palingenesis, metasomatosis, transmigration and reincarnation than I am about transubstantiation, resurrection and virgin birth? At least Hoddle has never forced a teenage girl to have a baby she didn't want or denied contraception to those needing it. Should we now fire all practising Catholics from their jobs? Why is it more insulting to believe that disability is a from a provious life than to believe that it is "God's will"?

And yet Hoddle may well be gone by the time you read this, following the Tory MEP Tom Spencer (caught by customs with a rude video, two joints, a line and a strange costume) into oblivion. Mr Spencer fell on his sword at the invitation of Edward McMillan Scott, the leader of the Tory delegation to the European parliament, after having first had the whip withdrams. Considering what was found in his suitcase this may be considered

double jeopardy. Mr Spencer had been on a night out in Amsterdam, where a chap had given him a few recreational drugs that he had kept. The video was a gay one. From Churt, in Surrey, Mr Spencer revealed that, though married, he was mostly homosexual. "My wife and I met at university and we discussed my homosexuality long before we got married. Part of our

able and on how aliens built a giant arrangement was that occasionally it was acknowledged that I would go away for the weekend."

This arrangement suited his wife. apparently, and the two have raised three daughters together. And it seems incredibly sensible and civilised to me. So here, too, I wondered just how much civilisation was threatened by a bloke who swings both ways and smokes a little dope from time to time? More or less than by all those politicians who get legless in the House of Commons bar on a weekday night?

For me the question is not whether Hoddle is right or Spencer behaved well. The question is: can we live with it? That's what tolerance means. If the answer is "no", then we are, by definition, intolerant. Can disabled people cope with Hoddle's views on reincarnation? Can the voters of Surrey deal with a man who occasionally takes drugs? Or shall we demand an end to difference, a uniformity of expression, a burying of eccentricity under a cloak of correctness?

If so, we ought to question our own moderation As the Hodgie furgre mounted, Roberto Di Matteo, the Chelsea midfield player, said he felt upset for his blind sister: "I'm angry and disappointed with Glenn. I am very close to my sister. I already feel guilty about her ... she has done nothing whatsoever to deserve this or bring it on herself."

"Guilty" is the key word there. A lot of us are aware that we do precious little for the disabled; sacking Glenn is just a painless way of telling ourselves we care. So - off with his head!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He's been treated worse than Saddam Hussein." Eileen Drewery, faith healer, on Glenn Hoddle

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Only the mediocre are always at their best." Jean Giraudoux French writer and dramatist

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NATO'S CALL for negotiations between Milosevic and the Rosovars is worrisome. What is there to negotiate? Nato some meaning, and some should force Serbian forces to withdraw and give the Kosovars a three- to five-year period to recover from Milosevic's depredations and rebuild the democratic institutions he destroyed. During that same per-iod, the United States and its allies should intensify their efforts to promote a demo-

Then negotiations - between a democratic Serbia and a democratic Kosovo - might have chance of success. Washington Post, US

OUR EUROPEAN allies must take over more responsibility. A good start was the willingness of the French to assume leadership of the Nato troops that protect the monitors in Kosovo. That force includes cratic transition in Serbia itself. no American ground troops. We

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD Comment on the Nato ultimatum given to Serbia and Kosovo

peans more into the negotiations on the future of Kosovo, so that these issues do not become an entirely American af-

should also draw the Euro- to our national interests than those posed by the problems of the former Yugoslavia. The New York Times, US

fair. There are greater threats NOW COMES the familiar sermonising, can we really The Age, Australia

chant of admonition. From US blame him for doubting it? Vice-President Al Gore: "There should be no doubt about our collective resolve in this matter. Nato is prepared to back up its word with action." From Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State: "The consequences of failure will be swift and serious." Perhaps they mean it this time. Perhaps this time they will use force to bring Mr Milosevic to heel. But, after all the years of empty

The Globe and Mail, Canada

ANY MILITARY action must be followed by a comprehensive political solution to the Kosovan crisis. One possibility is a return to the ethnic Albanians of the sort of autonomy they enjoyed previously. It is short of the independence they seek, but it could be an achievable compromise that halts the

bloodsbad.

PANDORA

SOME OF the biggest players in media advertising were spotted in Miami last ekend. David Mansfield, Capital Radio's chief executive, Andrew Barnes, commercial director for Channel 4, his brother Simon Barnes, a marketing supremo at Associated Newspapers. Nick Milligan, Channel 5's director of sales, and Steve Platt, MD for Carlton sales. Were they swapping corporate secrets? Or discussing takeovers and mergers? No. Despite the high powered "Five Go Mad in Miami" scenario, Pandora can reveal that they went to watch the Super Bowl.

IT HAS come to Pandora's attention that a bidding war has begun over Biche, the first novel of Stephanie Theobald, the journalist who recently demanded to know why the word "lesbian" is banned from women'a magazines while men's mags use it for erotic purposes. Theobald is also responsible for the term bi-try", meaning the sexua advantages of being a leshian while retaining some mercenary straight behaviour, principally hanging out with white heterosexual males who have the real power. "I suppose my point is that all women - and not just lesbians – are being patronised about what they should and shouldn't know about sex," says Theobald. Biche (French for "chick") being fought over by Penguin and others includes anecdotes on sex with a sumo wrestler, onanism at a Jean Paul Gaultier party and the secrets of French train toilet cubicles.

WAKE UP to a bright dawn of oew jobs. GMTV is today expected to announce who will be the new editor of its breakfast programme. Martin Frizell, currently chief correspondent, was "Pardon our appearance considered for the post. He is married to the GMTV oresenter Fiona Phillips, who is expecting his baby. He also has a child with the GMTV executive Margaret Sawdon but, despite his popularity in the office, a GMTV source tells Pandora that a surprise announcement is in the pipeline - that GMTV can do without an editor after all. Meanwhile Helen Morton, currently showbiz correspondent. has been filling in as Hollywood reporter. but it is doubtful that she will want to stay in Tinseltown. And a whole range of

celebrity names has been thrown around - probably by their own PRs - with a view to filling in for Ms Phillips.

SPEAKING OF sofa situations, this comfy piece of TV furniture has recently been the subject of some subtle rebranding. When the BBC relaunches its breakfast show, it may decide to create a "soft area". With sofas. Channel 4 News viewers are probably delighted to see Jon Snow perched neatly on what has been referred to as a sofalike "banquette". God forbid the presenters get too comfortable.

MY OUTLOOK on life is completely different now. My feelings towards others have been transformed. I don't think I was a had person before, but my faith in God has made me a more caring. compassionate, patient person." So said Glenn Hoddle in his autobiography, Spurred to Success. Of course, this was said 12 years ago, so there has been plenty of time for a reincarnation of the spirit.

READERS OF the Evening Standard's ES magazine will no doubt appreciate its feature writer John Gibb's efforts to go "behind the scenes" to expose casino cheats, but does going behind the scenes include going to the cinema? The report reads remarkably like the solilogny of Robert De Niro (pictured) in the movie Casino. Pandora tried to contact Gibb, only to find that he had left. Perhaps the silver screen has already beckoned.

PASSING HARVEY Nichols, in London's Knightsbridge, on the No 10 bus on Friday, Pandora was horrified to see a beautifully stencilled message on all windows:

> while we redress our windows.' Pardon? Pardon? Is that not the absolute worst class, loungeroom, suburban usage? Are not Harvey Nicks' customers brought up from the cradle to say "I beg

your pardon" or "I'm sorry" or "Please excuse me"? There is a shocking lack of standards in Pandora's favourite store

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Our phoney sentiments for animals

HAVE YOU been to Monkey World yet? The word is that this popular hang out for primates in Dorsetshire has recently been inundated with visitors eager to see Trudy the chimpanzee who was so cruelly misused by that Cruella de Vil of the

moment, Mary Chipperfield.

The roads leading to Monkey World apparently throng with cars bearing "Save Trudy" stickers. Outside the cage where the little creature now lives with her new family, under the care of her adoptive mother Peggy and alpha male Roger, families gather to gawn and gurgle while journalists of the damp Kleenex school squeeze out the kind of gooey, saccharine prose normally reserved for tragic tug-oflove toddlers.

"Trudy went indoors and flopped in the sawdust and the air from the central heating vents sent a sleepy warmth swirling around her," went one account. "Peggy midged her until her tired little head fell comfortably against her chest. Roger looked down from his perch. His family was safe." Meanwhile the Doily Mail's "Safe Home for Trudy" petition has proved to be a great hit among readers.



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Only when cruelty becomes media-fodder do the British remember that they are animal-lovers

virus originated from one of Trudy's distant cousins in west Africa, once hunted and eaten as bush meat, has pointed up the absurdity of our new phoney sentimentality towards animals. The same type of family punter who visits Monkey World to see primates in cages will also have chortled with pleasure at the sight of dolphins jumping through hoops in some nightmarish pleasure park, and of elephants standing on stools Somehow the news that the HIV in a circus - perhaps Chipperfield's

circus. One of the most successful TV advertisements of recent years has featured chimpanzees whose apparently human grins and grimaces are, in fact, expressions of stress and fear

It is only when cruelty becomes visible media-fodder that the British remember that they are animallovers. So the mistreatment of a donkey in some distant country beaten, starved, or dropped from the top of a tower for obscure religious isons - can cause an uproar, while the incomparably more inhumane practice of battery farming in our own country goes unnoticed. After all, we are not obliged to see the means of meat production, merely to benefit from it in our supermarkets. Those enraged by the idea of a fux being hunted and killed are utterly indifferent to the depredation of the countryside through intensive farming, the everaccelerating decline of mammal, hird and insect species caused by the grubbing of hedgerows by agribusiness and subsidy-crazed farmers. On the whole, we prefer to be concerned about a little wounded hedgehog that plucks the heartstrings of millions of viewers on one

But there's something particularly unnerving and creepy about contemporary attitudes to the great apes with whom, as we are con-stantly reminded, we share all but 2 per cent of our genetic make-up.

Thanks to the efforts of evolu-

tionary scientists, we have begun to see chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas and orang-utans as honorary humans, uncontaminated by civilisation - a late-20th century version of Jean-Jacques Rousseau's noble savage. There are earnest campaigns to grant the upper primates the same moral rights under law as human beings. In various American universities, academics bully luckless chimpanzees into some form of communication that is recognisable to Homo sapiens.

Of course, the connections may well be there. One study, reported in Robert Wright's The Moral Animal, suggested that promiscuity in human females falls somewhere between that of chimpanzees and gorillas: the tendency of women visiting a singles bar around the time of ovulation to wear more make-up and jewellery than at other times is the equivalent of the vivid genital display of female chimps.

Doubtless, there are those who

will see the astonishing randomss of bonoous, or premy champs, who use casual and random sex as a form of social bonding, as justibility similar behaviour in the human

But, logether, evolutionary theory and the proliferation of wildlife programmes seem to have distorted our view of the natural world. We are not as other animals. On the whole, we do not kill younger members of our social groupings if they are sired by rival nules, as garillas da sometimes, nor do we hunt down members of close species to our own in the way that chimpangers do lo colobus monkeys.

Those of us who have been lucky enough to see upper primales in the wild are left in no doubt of the vast gap represented by that small genetic difference. In fact, when I saw a group of gorillas, habituated to the presence of humans, in the Virungs mountains of what was theo Zaire, it was the behaviour of the human tourists, posing in front of the great silverback as if she were a guard outside Buckingham Palace, that seemed odd.

Even there, a process of domes tication, of Trudification, seemed to be taking effect.

Mr Hague has a message but no one is listening

of Rolf Harris's vet shows.

THAT WILLIAM Hague, he's useless. Good for nothing. Can't remember a single thing he's said. What do they stand for these Tories? Bring back Maggie, Or Michael Portillo. He's nicer than we thought, isn't he: quite handsome. Did you see him on that programme talking about his dad and the Spanish Revolution? Touching. Funny he never mentioned it all these years. Or maybe that Ken Clarke would be better. Got the common touch, you see. Not like whatshisname.

On the inadequacies of Mr Hague, the nation is united. He confronts the most absorbent government in history - soft, strong and, at this rate, very, very, long. New Labour sucks up other people's ideas promiscuously and turns them into presentational triumphs. Mr Hague's shadow front bench is so motley, illorchestrated and jarringly arrogant of why exactly so many swing voters decided they preferred that nice Mr Blair. His own party members, we revealed on Saturday, don't recognise the Shadow Cabinet. Lucky them.

All of this may, however, be dealable with in the fullness of time when it becomes clear that not all of New Labour's promises to create the promised land will be made good. But Mr Hague has a serious problem that may finish him off long before New Labour starts to falter. He is the victim of rank impossibilism among his prominent supporters and, in particular, the Tory press.

The politics of the impossible have a long history in the Conservative Party. Enoch Powell was their most sedulous practitioner. The net effect is to split the party - often among absurd lines: Powell struck up the race row at a time when immigration was in fact decreasing.



ANNE **MCELVOY**

I sense among right wing Tories a death-wish: some will vote Labour at the next election

Margaret Thatcher exploited the irrational streak by building herself powers to subjugate internal revolt. Even that failed, in the end.

John Major could not cope with this camp and faintly hysterical tendency among his colleagues - an atmosphere extravagantly captured by John Redwood's emanuensis, Hywel Williams, in his demolition of the Major government, Guilty Men. Mr Williams is a witty and unforgiving Cato. But to an outsider, the selfindulgence with which the Eurosceptics helped destroy the Major government is not easily explicable. Didn't they know that Labour was more, not less, likely to take Britain deeper into European institutions?

Even today, I sense among rightwing Tories a kind of death wish. I can't avoid the suspicion that some of them will vote Labour just to finish off Mr Hague at the next election. It is a kind of madness: a glorious, manie defeatism. Teday's Tory impossibilists have discovered the joys peace process. That is before you get of the old warhorses.

of sado-masochism, which they practise against the party they are supposed to support

Mr Blair's official spokesman has been complaining that the press is not entirely on message, what with its having the nerve to report things he did not tell it to. But it is the Tories who have the real media nightmare. Not even "their" newspapers offer any succour. Hague received only belated and lukewarm support for sacking Lord Cranborne, after the peer's gross disloyalty.

At a dinner for Mr Hague, I sat next to an old colleague, a politically influential figure at The Daily Telegraph. A fervent Eurosceptic, he asked the Tory leader whether the wording of a particular passage could be taken to mean that Mr Hague wanted to renegotiate the Maastricht or Amsterdam Treaties. pressed on: surely renegotiation ought to be a Tory option? No, repeated Mr Hague (and now I paraphrase just a bit), the damn treaties were signed, and under Conservative governments at that, so we just

have to live with them. The disappointment from my old friend was palpable. He kept worrying at the precise phrasing for some time. Mr Hague still gave no satisfaction. A frost descended. Poor man: he can't please the Europhiles who want to join a single currency the day before yesterday. But he also can't please those who want him to conduct a jihad against the EU and all its works.

Too many influential Tory voices want Mr Hague to do several impossible things before breakfast: get out of the European Union, rule out the single currency in perpetuity, oppose the Northern Ireland



Mr Hague is finding his party hard to please Martin Godwin

to the family fundamentalists who want non-married couples penalised through the tax system, a return to up as a goddess whose will none No, replied Mr Hague: that wasn't stigmatising single mothers and a bit sustained. The Tories must give

> Impossibilism is increasingly displayed by the Tory Europhiles, who are behaving as if there were already a breakaway party without having the nerve to get off their back benches and found one. "Any identity of views between me and the Conservative Party is entirely coincidental", announced one of their number recently. In which case, what is be doing occupying a Tory seat?

The management of such irritations is, of course, what a leader is there to do. But a party can be led only if it wants to be led. If it has decided to run amok then be cannot stop it. But he can stop conniving in his own misfortune.

His inner team is young, wonkish and very male, lacking in experience and worldliness. It would not be a bad idea for Mr Hague to spend at least a little time listening to some

Second, failing to engage in a debate about political ideas, lest Labour steal those ideas, can't be Third, the embarrassing and unfocused expeditions into nationalist territory, and the blather about Britishness, must be checked. A wise leader knows when to turn back. Mr Hague is an eloquent de-

fender of the free market, a subject on which the Government is ambiguous. His concerns about democratic accountability, at Westminster and in Europe, are justified. He has assumed an admirably libertarian stance on social issues and has no truck with the murmured racialism that has for long been allowed to pass without censure in his party. He has always been more liberal than his party on the gay age of consent. A true meritocrat, he is unsullied by the poisonous snobbery that has long been around in the Tory Party.

Hague does have a message worth hearing. Now he must find the words to say it and the mountain-top to shout it from.

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gave the fourth Halley Stewart Lectures, which were subsequently pub-lished in 1931 under the title Equality. Tawney's general theme was that Britain had pretty much burnt itself out as a major industrial force, by this time, and that hope for the fut-thought, certainly up to ure depended not so much on

the improvements of techniques of production, as on a reconsideration of why exactly we are producing things in the first place. Tawney is describing a society which, he ob-viously thinks, is manifestly unequal in many ways. What, in detail, is the remedy for this? Perhaps Tawney's real view is that while equality of wealth is very important, it is not the most important thing.

I take Tawney to mean that we can put goods into at least two classes. In one class are those where, if one person is to have more, than at least one other must have less. In the other category of

goods are those where at least some can have more without anyone ending up with less. At this stage Tawney gives no examples, but consider the good of "a feeling of security".

IN 1929, RH Tawney If a neighbourhood feels safe, gave the fourth Halley then someone moving in to that neighbourhood may benefit from an increased sense of security without anyone else suffering a cost of any sort. There is only gain.

This dual concern is a constant theme in egalitarian Bernard Williams's classic paper The Idea of Equality (1962). Williams argues for the egalitarian view of material distribution, "each according to their need, on the grounds that other policies are insufficiently governed by reason and are thus irrational.

This argument was countered with great force by the lib ertarian philosopher Robert Nozick Nozick argued that egalitarian theories of distributive justice proceed as if goods fell to earth like manna from heaven; as if all consumable products existed in a "big social pot" and we should sit there waiting for our share to be allocated to us.

Consider Aesop's fable of the shopper and the ants. One fine day in winter, some ants were busy drying their store of corn, which had got rather damp during a long spell of grasshopper, "I was so busy



Some rules for a society of equals

JONATHAN WOLFF

From a lecture delivered by the reader in philosophy at University College, London

rain. Presently, up came a grasshopper and begged them to spare her a few grains. "For," she said, "I'm simply starving."

The ants stopped work for a moment, though this was against their principles. "May we ask," said they, "what you were doing with yourself all last summer? Why didn't you collect a store of food for the winter?" "The fact is," replied the

singing that I hadn't the time." If you spent the summer singing," replied the ants, "you can't do better than spend the winter dancing." And they chuckled and went on with their work. We may not all admire the

ants' rather sadistic lack of charity here, but it seems very hard to say that the grasshopper has any claim in justice for a share in the ants' product, still less an equal share.

It seems to me that in the last 20 years or so, many theorists and politicians have be-come obsessed with the sort of issues that come to the fore in thinking about this fable.

Although he may not wish to put it exactly in these terms himself, Ronald Dworkin's position is that the requirement of egalitarian justice is to even up fortune and misfortune that are the result of good and bad luck, but not to even up fortune and misfortune that are the re-

sult of good and bad choices. Or to put this proposition in a slightly different way, it is a requirement of egalitarian justice that undeserved (and only undeserved) disadvantage should be rectified.

This sorts out the ants and

grasshopper is starving because of her bad choice of singing rather than working over the summer. Had she failed to work because she didn't have the ability to, or had the ability, but no access to land, the case would be very different. But the ants would have no obligation to, as Dworkio puts it, "subsidise her choices".

What we should appreciate. though, is how such a view would be applied in practice. You will be entitled to welfare benefits only if you can show that you lack the opportunities that others have had; this, after all, is what makes the difference in the cases where we think the grasshopper is, and is not, entitled to support from the ants.

One thing that is remarkable about this is that such highly conditional systems of benefit were once considered rightwing policies. My own view is that contemporary egalitarians bave forgotten half of Tawncy's teachings. Conditional benefits can create social division and humiliation. A society of equals would have less inquisitive welfare

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The past two years have brought shocks that were once inconceivable: the experts have been wrong

LAST SATURDAY evening, at about 11 o'clock, guests at the Davos World Economic Forum were serenaded in a small, smoke-filled room by an unannounced singer. His name was Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Prime Minister. On stage with him were a few Russian bankers ("Of course I have to join in - he is my chief," said one), and at least one top US executive. No. I didn't take part, but Davos is the only place on earth where you could conceivably sing on stage with a former head of the KGB.

The Davos forum is extraordinary in that more of the world's leading politicians and business people gather there than on any other occasion. Brits include Gordon Brown and Princess Anne, who closes the event later today. From America came Al Gore and Robert Rubin, From Germany, there was Gerhard Schröder.

Virtually all the big names of geopolitics were there: Kofi Annan, Nelson Mandela, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres... Among the intellectual leaders there were so many Nobel Prize winners that the bookshop had a special section for them, The only corners that seemed to me to be under-represented were the sports and entertainment worlds, though Jane Fonda and Warren Beatty did come by.

This agglomeration of big names - the fact that so many of them should think it useful to come to Davos - raises two key questions. First, why do they come? And second, what are they saying that is new or that tells us something important about the state of the world? There are, for the big-wigs, at

least three reasons for being in Davos. It is, for a start, a tremendously efficient way of meeting oble you need to see. The neads of multinationals can chat with a dozen or more economics ministers in the various countries in which they operate. That can open a door at the ministries for their staff to bring up any particular problems they may have. The more global the market economy, the more a business has to have these relations; and it simply would not be physically possible for the top brass to get around to all the people they need



Next, in a world where investment and currency flows dominate economies, the politicians need to meet business leaders to try to comprebend them. A young Russian banker explained bow Primakov needed to understand bow people from the private sector in the West thought, for be had no previous experience of that. Other politicians are more direct they are trying simply to attract inward investment, making speeches about the excellence of their country and

Third, people come because of the club atmosphere of the event. The fact that people can meet informally and in private means that they don't have to commit themselves to any hard dositions. If you disagree with a view, you don't need to get upset by it. I did not find that many of the bankers agreed with the attack on financial markets made by Mobamed Mahathir, Prime Minister of Malaysia, but in the club atmosphere of Davos people were prepared to be polite about his views. In any chib there are always the club bores.

their stewardship of it.

Of course, this can all seem terribly self-congratulatory, even selfindulgent. But to focus on that side

of the event misses its significance. The world is a global market, and at the margin it can be made to run better if the different players can meet on neutral ground.

So what was new? Several middlingly important things and one big one. Among the middlingly important was the clear desire of Russia to get itself back into some sort of dialogue with the West. I believe the Primakov government had no inkling of the impact its effective default last summer would have on its relations with the West. Now it is trying to struggle back. It will be helped by the quality of the next generation of its elite: young, welleducated, thoughtful - thoughtful that is, about the enormous scale of the tasks before them.

A clear age clash is taking place in Europe, with the present generation of leaders preening themselves about the success of the euro, and the next generation profoundly critical of European unemployment levels, its mability to reform its welfare system, and its lack of entrepreneurship. A paper by some younger European leaders, called Wake Up, Europe!, was dismissed by the senior panellists in

one session, but aroused great

interest among the younger business people.

Other aspects of the conference were predictable, but interesting nonetheless. As you might expect, there seemed to be fewer people from the emerging economies of East Asia, and fewer from Japan. Countries that are struggling with domestic economic problems tend oot to want to ship out their top brass. Many more North American corporations were there (Bill Gates for starters), a sign of just how seriously US business is looking at opportunities in Europe.

But the really big new thing that I, at least, had not appreciated was just how concerned the US administration has become about the sustainability (or rather, non-sustamability) of global growth. Japan is heading on down, and growth in Europe is slowing. The only big country that is charging on is the US, and that is at the cost of a yawning current account deficit.

You might expect the US administration to be cheerful about the durability of the long American boom. But while its representatives have certainly been more cheerful than the Japanese, Al Gore, Robert Rubin and his deputy Larry Summers - all in different ways - came out with the same message: the US cannot continue to pull along the rest of the world economy. Something is going to give.

In one sense, this is encouraging It was more worrying for the rest of us when the Americans were not worried. But there is a clear disconnection between the enthusiasm of the US financial markets and the concern of the US administration.

There is something even bigger here, a feeling of fin de siècle. Davos was the setting for Thomas Mann's The Magic Mountain: the world of bustling commerce, globalisation, and a Swiss TB sanatorlum that was swept away by the First World War. Up in the Alps, in calm, prosperous Switzerland, it is hard sometimes to appreciate just how fragile the world economy may have become.

If you are part of the struggling middle class in many east Asian countries and have seen 10 years of your savings swept away in a few short months, you feel quite differently about the supposed benefits of being part of this single global economy. Indeed, there was a demonstratioo against the global economy in Davos on Saturday, though the main effect was simply to make the delegates walk around

the town instead of taking their

buses - the roads were closed and the demonstrators kept well away. The people wbo go to Davos are at the top of the pile. Some display the arrogance that you might expect from people who take themselves

very seriously. But many others seem uncomfortable about the future. Maybe it was the nagging concern that the world economy as a whole cannot prosper if large parts of it remain in recession. Maybe it Is the perception that going global does not itself deliver an acceptable degree of social equality. Maybe it is simply that the past two years have brought shocks that would have seemed almost inconceivable: the experts have been wrong.

None of this means that there is necessarily a great catastrophe looming. But the more thoughtful people seem uneasy. As anyone who skis will recognise, there is something about being up in the mountains that makes you feel that the problems are all down at sealevel, and everything up bere will be all right. This year there is a rumble of distant thunder to be beard even in Davos.

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ANDREW **JORET**



The vice-chairman of the British Egg Industry Council replies to our leading

article on battery hens CONSUMERS BUY eggs from all types of production systems so they have a choice. Eggs are one of the most nutritious foods you can buy They are an excellent source of protein and are rich in vil-

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The British Egg Industry Council (BEIC) already advocates the highest standards of animal welfare through its Lion Code of Practice.

The vote taken by the European Parliament to ban laying cages across Europe from 2009 is only an opinioo to the Council of Ministers. A total ban on caged egg productioo would be impractical, as no other production system can meet consumer demand for cheap, nutritious, quality eggs,

Cooversion of all heos boused in laying cages to free range would cost the UK industry approximately £700m. There would be an increase in costs in all systems.

It is vital that any legislation is enforced EU wide to prevent cheaper eggs being imported from member states with lower animal welfare standards. Imports from outside Europe, with lower standards, should be banned.

The report re-released by Compassion in World Farming relating to osteoporosis in hens is 10 years old. The UK egg industry produced a code of practice that specified the most welfare-friendly methods of handling hens. Research has shown that implementing the code has improved the welfare of laying bens.

The rot began with Henry VIII

VIRTUE IS an interesting word. It can mean moral goodness or it can men the essence or power of something, as in "the virtue of steel is strength and malleability". Citizenship is also an interesting - and tricky -word. It can mean simply the legal inhabitance of a state or, in the Greek and Roman republican tradition, action with others for the common good.

The Romans had it both ways. Virtu - derived from vir, meaning man or manliness - came to mean the will and capacity for public affairs before and capacity for puolic analysis it became a synonym for moral attributes. By the late 18th century, toasts were moved at opposition dinners in England "to Christian and Roman virtues combined". Machiavelli had taken the view that Christ-



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had sapped civic virtues: the courage and will to create or sustain republics. Manliness, then? Unhappily, yes.

forgiveness and otherworldliness) went away.

Lord Alton, formerly the Liberal MP, But Machiavelli did give an example of a woman with virtu. Her husband absent, the Countess Katharina was besieged. The attackers had seized her young sons and said they would kill them unless she surrendered the citadel But she "exposed herself ian virtues (such as bumility, on the battlements" (exposed ber TUESDAY POEM

"memberi sexuali", says the Italian) and replied that she would bear other sons to bring revenge. The besiegers

is not talking about that kind of virtue. To a fault, his loud cry is for the greater exercise of the virtues of a good life generally Christian, at times specifically Catholic when it comes to marriage, contraception and abortion - and to bewail the collapse of social morality. The rot began long ago, when "Henry VIII began his assault on marriage and the family". Ever since, "successive government interventions have made matters worse". We have talked enough about rights; so now for our duties.

There is much one can agree with in David Alton's forceful tract. He deplores the deliberate running-down of local government; the ethics of pubbe and private organisations that laud individual choice over the common good; the lack of citizenship teaching in so many schools; and the attempt by the parties to monopolise political participation and loyalty. But I quote that quaint business about Henry VIII as a consumer warning of the many bees a-buzzing in this good man's bonnet. He does not always recognise that one person's honey is another's poison.

These 160 pages show him besotted with the didactic fashion for "bayonet points": short, punchy assertions meant to be self-evident. This is a clear text, but not particularly deeply reasoned. Talleyrand once said of Napoleon that be forgot you could



Exercising the virtues of a good life

sit oo them. We are given showers of examples of the horrors of today, footnoted to sensational accounts in the popular press. But is our society more depraved than in the past? Or is it simply more intolerant of violence, child abuse and murder? I find it hard to lo-

do anything with bayonets - except

cate the "good old days" in the crowds at Tyburn and Newgate. Alton has a bold moral fervour, but a sad lack of historical perspective and, at times, of common sense. The facts be bayonets us with are all true, as are the arresting tales of "welfare scroungers". But bow typical are these lurid cases of abortions need-

lessly counselled, and so on? Alton quotes with relish Disraeli's view of "lies, damned lies and statistics", and adds that "he might have said the same about academic reports for government departments". That kind of sweeping generalisation is irresponsible. It belongs as much to what Alton calls "the new irrationalism" as any of the alternative-lifers or postmodern trendies who see no grounds for "discriminatory" judgement in art or morality.

Lord Alton holds a new chair in cit-

izenship at the Liverpool John Moores University. He is organising great things by stirring local schools to engage in volunteer work, and to raise questions of value throughout the curriculum. But I worry that his idea of teaching values always aims towards "a consensus". After all, we live in a society in which individuals, and groups of different kinds, hold differ-

Aristotle said that Plato made the mistake of "trying to reduce harmony to unison"; in other words, to abolish rather than to civilise politics. The aim of a citizenship education cannot be to resolve all conflicts of value, but to encourage democratic institutions with those values - such as tolerance and understanding - that allow controversies to be conducted peacefully. All the recent reports of national citizenship bodies - such as the one I chaired for the Department for Education and Employment - share this broad perspective. All of them David Alton ignores. Moving straight from a seat to a chair, he boldly reinvents the wheel for himself. If its path is too virtuous to be called crooked, it is certainly eccentric.

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Philip Mason

PHILIP MASON will be remembered first and foremost as a writer of his-tory, not of the exhaustively researched, academic kind addressed to fellow specialists, hut sound, well-reducted, worldly-wise history, beautifully written and effortlessly read, such as appeals to people of experience in every walk of life. Less well-known, but nn less important, was his career as an outstandingly able member of the Indian Civil Service during the 20 years leading up to Indian independence, and also his pioneeriug work in promoting the study of racial and minority problems as the founding director of the Institute of Race Relations.

Mason was born in 1906, the son of a country doctor in the Derbyshire hills, who sent him to Sedbergh School and nn to Ballio! College, Oxford, where he took a first class degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He joined the Indian Civil Service in 1928, and served successively as Assistant Magistrate in the United Provinces. Under-Secretary in the War Department. Deputy Commissioner in the Himalayan district of Garhwal - a remote, sub-Himalayan district of more than 5.000 square miles - Deputy Secretary in the Defence and War Department. Secretary to the Chiefs of Statt Committee and finally as Joint Secretary to the War Department, when his highly promising career was ended by Indian independence.

During the war years he had worked closely with Wavell and later with Mountbatten, and there could surely have been a continuing future for him in some other part of the Commonwealth or else in the rapidly expanding field of diplomacy, had he chosen to go that way. Instead, he decided for early retirement with his wife and four children to a smallholding in the west of England, where they hoped, with the help of his ready pen, to make ends meet.

It was a gamble and it did not work. The books came - seven novels and two volumes of The Men Who Ruled India tas The Founders and The Guardinns were called when reprinted as one volume in 1985). about the major figures of the Indian Civil Service, all published under the pen name of Philip Woodruff between 1945 and 1954. But the financial return did not meet the needs of a family of six, and in 1952 he found part-time employment at the Royal Institute of International Affairs as Director of Studies in the newly established field of Race Relations.

It became his business both to undertake research himself and also to seek out, and guide towards publication, scholarly work in a variety of disciplines which had a bearing on racial problems. For his own first study he chose Southern Rhodesia, which was just then entering upon a highly controversial federation with Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. In The Birth of a Dilemma (1958)

His autobiography breathes the romance of empire - long days in the saddle and long evenings by the camp fire

he presented brilliantly the predicaments involved in the creation of a colony of settlement in a land already well occupied by indigenous populations. The successor volume called The Two Nations he left to a younger colleague, but himself contributed the third and most contemporary, The Year of Decision (1960).

Meanwhile, in London his post at Chatham House was burgeoning into the directorship of an independent Institute of Race Relations, for which he had not only to devise the programme but also to find the supporting funds. He still managed to have long weekends at home in the country for reading and writing, but his mid-weeks were trusy with people.
A great believer in personal visits,

he became a well-known figure in the offices of the international mining, banking and trading companies in the City of London and in those of the great charitable foundations. And he



Mason and his wife, Mary, at Lansdowne in Garhwal, in the Himalayan foothills, where he was Deputy Commissioner, 1937

was to be seen early and late dispensing hospitality, though always with a serious purpose, to guests at the Athenaeum and Travellers' clubs.

The first large project of the new institute was the report Colour and Citizenship in 1969 by Jim Rose and Nicholas Deakin. It was prompted by the large migration from the Caribbean and its sometimes ugly repercussions in British politics, and it did much to calm the atmosphere of pub-lic debate on British racial issues.

From here Mason's interests moved increasingly towards Latin America, where he set in motion several studies and travelled extensively himself with results that were apparent in Patterns of Dominance (1970), the last of his books to be written for the institute before he retired from the directorship in 1969.

He left behind him an apparently flourishing enterprise, with a mag-nificent record of sponsored publi-

young research fellows to carry necessarily less glamorous in conthings forward. It was a sadness to him to watch his creation disintegrate as it fell victim to the academic disturbances of the next three years.

Nine more books were to follow during the first 15 years of Mason's retirement before blindness drew its curtain on his literary work. They included a short history of the Indian Army, A Matter of Honour (1974), a life of Kipling, The Glass, the Shadow and the Fire (1975), his Bampton lectures published as The Dove in Hnrness (1976), and two delightful volumes of autohiography, A Shaft of Sunlight (1978) and A

Thread of Silk (1984). The first concerns his Indian years and breathes the romance of empire (at least for those who ruled), with long days in the saddle and long evenings by the camp fire listening to the varied problems of

cations and a promising team of six his Indian clients. The second, tent, centres on the world of ideas, institutions, and family.

Both are notable for the frank discussion of the part played in his life by his deep commitment to the Christian religion. For most of it he was an Anglo-Catholic, prepared for adult life by the Cowley Fathers, and with a faith much strengthened during a period of temporary blindness caused by a shooting accident in 1941, when his wife Mary read to him daily from the New Testament and they discussed its contents together.

During the institute years he wrote and lectured on Christianity and race. In 1975 he was invited to give the Bampton lectures at Oxford. But as Anglo-Catholics in an ordipary country parish, he and Mary increasingly felt themselves to be schismatics within an already schismatic church. At last in 1978, when

he was 72, they decided to rejoin the mainstream as Roman Catholics.

The decision crystallised during a holiday in Venice, where they had sat together rapt in contemplation of Titian's altarpiece of the As-sumption in the church of the Frari and he said to her, "I believe in that picture." Soon after their return home he said to her at breakfast, "Why don't we do it today?", and she

replied, "Why not, indeed."

It was a characteristic decision, swiftly taken, even after half a century of searching, and it was adhered to with confidence to the end.

ROLAND OLIVER

Philip Mason, colonial civil servant and writer: born London 19 March 1906: OBE 1942; CIE 1946; Director, Institute of Race Relations 1958-69; FRSL 1976; married 1935 Mary Hayes (two sons, two daughters); died Cambridge 25 January 1999.

Joan Cooper

SOCIAL WORK is everyday news as we approach the Millennium and it must be difficult for people to imagine that it was not always so. Joan Cooper played a leading role in many aspects of it, particularly child care, for 50 years during which major changes took place. Children mattered to her, not only collectively, but as individuals.

She was born at the beginning of

the First World War After high school in Manchester she graduat. ed in arts and history from Manchester University and completed training as a teacher. At 27 she became an Assistant Director of Education in Derbyshire and acquired invaluable experience of local government while the war progressed and post-war Britain began to be lanned and achieved.

During the war the fate of Britain's disadvantaged children was seen to be far worse than previously acknowledged. Evacuation revealed acute poverty, significant areas of neglect and the particular plight of children who "were deprived of a normal home life". For them the rigours of the Poor Law - harsh physical conditions, poor staffing ratios and institutional living standards were still commonplace and even voluntary organisations could be Dickensian in their methods.

Post-war legislation to change Britain's health, education and social services included the Children Act 1948, a landmark in abolishing the Poor Law and introducing a service for "deprived children" which would offer them care and opportunities like other children. The key figures in these changes would be Children's Officers in charge of new Children's Departments in each local authority, with a remit for enthusiasm, pioneering new methods and personal commitment to individual children. Cooper became a Children's Officer

She played an important role in the Children's Officers Association. which became an instrument for debate and development with the Home Office, local authorities and other professions. On the association's executive she helped to inaugurate in 1963 what is now the National Children's Bureau, a voluntary organisation attracting all professional groups and interests in children and their needs and promoting research, development and

good practice. . In 1965 Cooper became Chief In-spector in the Home Office Chikiren's Department. This meant that, as well as responsibility for inspection of all childcare services, she had power to influence important developments such as the Children and Young more enlightened attitude to young offenders, and the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970, which centralised social services into one

department in each local authority. Alongside a charismatic Under-Secretary, Derek Morrell, she initiated imaginative work through the Community Development Project, the Inspectorate's Development Group which published many innovative reports and documents and the Youth Treatment Centres focused on a sensitive, inter-disciplinary approach to young offenders.

Social Services organisational changes locally and centrally in 1971 took Cooper and the Inspectorate to join the DHSS Social Welfare Service. She had to weld into a united body two professional groups with very different approaches. This mirrored local authorities' struggles in setting up Social Services Departments and

required all her experience and skill. When retirement came in 1976 she undertook a year's training as a mature student at the National Institute for Social Work to prepare for the next stage of her life, and be back in touch with the grass roots. Responsibilities in later years included teacher and composer, born Paris | chairing the Central Council for Ed-24 Morch 1910, married 1938 ucation and Training in Social Work, 1984-86, and Parents for

Alberta

Children, 1979-87. Joan Cooper was a very private person. For her, social work was a moral activity and she fiercely supported its ethical context in a period of considerable turbulence. She had no time for "fudge" and shallow thinking; she looked realities straight in the eye with a remorseless intellectual approach which was sometimes uncomfortable but always valuable. Personally she was kind and concerned for individuals and friends. It is a fitting bottom line that in 1998, at 84, she put energy and ideas into the celebrations involved in the initiative "50 Years of Child Care 1948-1998".

BARBARA KAHAN

Joan Davies Cooper, childcare administrator: born Manchester 12 August 1914: Assistant Director of Education, Derbyshire County Council 1941-48; Children's Officer. East Susser County Council 1948-65; Vice-President. National Children's Bureau 1964-99; Chief Inspector. Children's Department. Hame Office 1965-71; Director. Social Work Service, DHSS 1971-76; Honorary Research Fellow, Sussex University 1979-99; died Brighton 15

Jacques Chailley

JACQUES CHAILLEY was a powerful force in the musical life of France for over half a century, and in several capacities. He will best remembered outside France as a musicologist of wide sympathies and considerable insight, and inside the "hexagon", as the French like to describe their territory, as a driving force in erecting the academic infrastructure on which the intellectual side of French musical life now rests. Whether his music will get a chance to overshadow those other reputations remains to he seen.

Chailley had a most musical beginning, he was the son of the violinist Marcel Chailley and the pianist Celiny Chailley-Richez, who was a pupil of Raou! Pugno and a favourite pianist of the great Romanian composer George Enescu.

Between 1925 and 1927 he took private lessons from Nadia Boulanger. and from 1933 to 1935 he studied composition at the Paris Conservatoire with Henri Busser and, again privately, with Claune Delvincourt). His conducting teachers were no less prominent: first (1935-36), in Amsterdam. Willem Mengelberg and Bruno Walter, and the next year Pierre Monteux, From 1930 to 1936 he was also steeped in the study of musicology. All the while another im-



The language of music

portant element was heing fed into his make-up: for four years, from 1932, he attended courses on French medieval literature.

Chailley's teaching career began in the Lycée Pasteur in 1936, though almost as soon he was working at the Sorbonne, gradually moving up through the ranks, becoming a full professor in 1952. In 1947, meanwhile, he was also appointed deputy director of the Paris Conservatoire. where he had been leading the choral classes, and in 1952, boosted by the successful defence of his the- under scrutiny in his influential sis L'École musicale de Saint-Martial de Limoges jusqu'à la fin du XIe siècle (one of two theses he presented for his PhD), he founded the Institute of Musicology at the Université de Paris. In 1962 be took over the helm of the Schola Cantorum. founded by Vincent d'Indy and others in 1894 to foster the traditionalist teachings of César Franck - indeed, Chailley was to have little truck with the serialism that became fashionable after the Second World War.

In 1969, in the reforms which followed the student protests the previous year, he became the founder and first director of the Department of Music and Musicology at the Sorbonne (Paris IV, as it was known), retiring in 1979 to pick up his composing pen again. Under his leadership the Sorbonne department became the largest in France, in the number of teachers and students.

Chailley's teaching was accompanied by enthusiastic activity as a writer, both of technical, analytical papers and of books and articles for a wider musical public, on, for example, Bach, Bartók, Dehussy, Haydn, Mozart, Rameau, Schubert, Schumann and Wagner. He married his medieval interests with his analytical ability to put analysis itself

Traité historique d'analyse musicale (1951), which is full of novel theoretical insights. Indeed, it was his ability to see music across the ages, as an art in evolution, that marked his most original contributions to scholarship, in such works as Formation et transformations du langage musical and Eléments de philologie musicale, where he attempted to establish how the language of music had evolved. The same inclusiveness marked

his controversial "théorie de la resonance", which holds that the historical acceptance of intervals as consonant followed the order of the harmonics: octave, fifth, major third, and so on. His Imbroglio des modes (1960) again married historical perspective with analytical perception to examine how the Middle Ages had misunderstood the ancient Greeks' "modes", the forerunners of the major and minor keys which emerged

with the end of the Renaissance. But Chailley's wide sympathies made sure his academic pursuits were not the dusty lucubrations of some dry theorist: it was just as natural for him to write a Petite Histoire de la chanson populaire française (1942) as to examine Les Notations musicales nouvelles (1950).

His own music-making helped keep his feet firmly on the ground, too. In 1933 he founded his first choir, the Psallette Notre-Dame, to revive medieval music, and a group called the Theophiliens to restore Graeco-Latin and medieval theatre to performance, and he directed the choral society Alauda from 1946 to 1961. During the occupation he deployed his abilities to a rather different end: having been captured by the Germans on 18 June 1940 and managing to escape the following day he joined his old teacher Claude Delvincourt in trying to protect Conservatoire students threatened with

movement of musiciens resistants. Jacques Chailley's own music reflects his historical sympathies, in a style that owes something to Duruffé, Ravel and Honegger, with a flavouring of Fauré and Françaix. His earliest works are informed with elements of Gregorian chant and French folk music, and though his harmonic language grew more complex as he evolved, modality was a fairly constant feature, bringing a

deportation; and in 1943, at the sug-

sormières, he joined an underground

stion of the conductor Roger Dé-

timeless quality to many of his scores. They include two symphonies (1942-47 and 1980), two operas, Pon

et la Syrinx (1946) and Thyl de Flondre (1949-54), an antiquarian ballet. La Dame à la licorne ("The Lady with the Unicorn"; 1953), to a scenario by Cocteau, and incidental music to four plays. His Contique du soleil (1934) was one of the first works to use the ondes martenot, an instrument to which he returned with panache in his Suite sons prétention pour Monsieur de Molière (1955). Among other chamber-music pieces are a string quartet (1936) and

a viola sonata (1939-41), and he greeted the end of the Second World War with a Chant funebre for cello and piano. His religious conviction was given voice in choral works. some of them on a large scale, such as the Missn solemnis (1947), the Messe française (1976) and the oratorio Cosa Dei (1991).

Little of this generous output has been heard for a while now But it does not deserve oblivion. Perhaps Chailley's death will provide the stimulus that brings his music back to life.

MARTIN ANDERSON

Jacques Chailley, musicologist, Helène Pompei (two sons, one daughter); died Montpellier. France 21 January 1999.

Prince Lincoln

THE JAMAICAN singer Prince Lincoln was one of a handful of committed Rastafarian artists responsible for raising the profile of reggae in Europe after maying to London in the late 1970s.

Lincoln Thompson's piercing falsetto and imaginative phrasing gave his work a sense of urgency and conviction, reaching audiences otherwise disinterested in the genre. His emotive live performances were captivating and as consistently strong as his recorded work. With his tall frame and lnng dreadlocks he conveyed an image of strength that supported the gravity of his lyrics. Thompson was also a respected meniber of London's Rastafarian community, his prominent involvement reflecting his humility and

He began his singing career as a

songs like "School Days" and "Solid as a Rock" which they licensed to the King label in England. overriding religious commitment.

member of the Tartans with Cedric Myton, Devon Russell and Lindburgh "Preps" Lewis. Their 1966 debut, "Dance All Night", recorded at Federal studio, went straight to Nn 1 in Jamaica, and the anti-rudeboy "What Can I Do" was also highly popular A move to Treasure Isle resulted in the hit "Far Beyond the Sun" for the producer Duke Reid, and subsequent material was cut for Caltone while the group was being managed by Caltone's proprietor Ken Lack. By the end of the decade they were at Studio One, Kingston'a premier recording facility, creating

In the early Seventies, Thompson recorded a trio of hit singles as a solo artist at Studio One; the moving "Daughters of Zion" was particularly

strong, and referred to Thompson's Rastafarian faith. Later in the decade, he founded the God Sent label as a vehicle for his work, and began issuing material under the moniker Royal Rasses, using Myton then leader of the Congos - and the fellow Studio One singer Jennifer Lara for harmonies.

The uplifting "Love the Way it Should Be" was highly popular with the British reggae audience, as was Kingston 11". Thompson's rendering of the ghetto in which he grew up. The success of these singles led to a contract with Ballistic Records, a UK subsidiary of the United Artists label, about the time Thompson moved to London; the resultant 1979 Human-ity album is a classic that greatly raised the profile of reggae outside Jamaica, its heavy publicity attracting a new audience to the genre.

A successful tour spread the reggae flame through Europe, while further hits such as "San Salvador" drew attention to a range of social injustices, including the disastrous US foreign policy implemented in the Caribbean and Central America during the Cold War.

As the Rasses' andience grew, Thompson attempted to broaden his focus by drawing from mainstream styles, but the 1980 Experience album proved less successful. Roots Man Blues (1981) saw Thompson stretching reggae's boundaries through an inspired collaboration with the jazz/pop singer Joe Jack-son, but the collapse of Ballistic coincided with a disillusionment that resulted in a long break

from recording.

volved in the reggae musical Black Heroes in the Hall of Forne, and with sporadic performances. Prince Lincoln became involved in community ventures and eventually opened the Rasses Fish Market in north London. When he returned to the studio in 1996 to cut the 21st Century album, his song-writing skills and vocal delivery proved to be undiminished, and the mature and thoughtful release remains popular.

Prince Lincoln was committed to creating music of quality, and his falsetto and understated delivery remain a source of inspiration to up-coming talent, particularly in the UK. DAVID KATZ

Lincoln Thompson (Prince Lincoln), singer: born Kingston, Though never entirely absent Jamaica 10 July 1949; married: from the music scene, being in- died London 14 January 1999.



The reggae flame Tim Barrow January 1999.

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Dr Jonathan Levi

JONATHAN LEVI was an inspired appointment as physician and gastroenterologist to the Northwick Park Hospital site in 1969.

This was an experiment to bring together research and the treatment of promon diseases in a new district gen-der hospital and Medical Research Council (MRC)-sponsored Clinical Research Centre (CRC) built on waste land said to have once been Harrow School's golf course. Over the years Levi crossed seamlessly the divide between successful clinical practice and research, making many important scientific contributions to the literature. More recently he was pivotal in another first, the relocation of an entire hospital to the site. namely St Mark's Hospital, renowned for its expertise in large bowel disorders.

Born in 1933, the son of David Levi, a distinguished general surgeon, Jon Levi was educated at Westminster School, then studied Medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge, and Westminster Hospital, where he met his future wife, Mary. His credentials were impeccable for establishing a centre of gastroenterology - an MD thesis at the Royal Free Hospital on drug metabolism in the liver guided by Dame Sheila Sherlock, and a period with Sir Francis Avery Jones at

Central Middlesex Hospital.

He was appointed to Northwick Park directly from his Nuffield Fellowship at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, where he worked with Professor Irwin M. Arias. There he discovered two significant Z and Y intracellular liver proteins involved in bile and drug uptake. When Northwick Park opened in 1970, Levi began dismantling the planners' rather dismal scheme for centralised administration. He promulgated a system of speciality-based units directed to the highest standard of patient care and with each speciality enthusiastic to assist each other. He even persuaded the new gastroenterological surgeon to run a mixed medical-surgical ward with synchronous ward rounds -

a novel arrangement, but effective. Levi's talent was to translate bedside clinical observation into scientific research. He built up a large NHS and private clinical and endoscopic practice for patients with liver and gastrointestinal disorders, using it as a base for his scientific studies, yet worrying over perplexing clinical problems. His avuncular and approach, and his sertorial elegance,

encouraged patient confidence whilst injecting humour into consultations. As a teacher his calls to "educate the

young" resounded through the bospital. He establishing a thriving group of young clinical researchers. The clinical discoveries he inspired and published included the role of an elemental diet in the treatment of acute Crohn's disease. The realisation that a drug commonly used in the therapy of ulcerative colitis caused reversible male infertility brought happiness to many previously childless marriages. There were also original contributions on the small bowel complications of the ubiquitous non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and the effects

of alcohol on red blood cell morphology. Levi's vision and negotiating skills, with the underlying strength of gas-troenterology on site, played a crucial role in attracting St Mark's Hospital to the campus when the MRC closed the Clinical Research Centre in 1994.

Although Levi was not overtly religious, his Judaism expressed itself in his passionate attachment to his family. He had been close to verifying that David Levi (1742-1801), a printer, scholar and tutor in classical Hebrew to George III. was his direct ancestor. He was a gifted photographer, connoisseur of Oriental carpets and he planted and nurtured a small woodland where he reared sheep.

He was forced to retire in October 1997 because of pancreatic cancer. His fascination with craftsmanship had made him a collector of treen (pre-Victorian British turned wooden objects), and a leisurely retirement objective was to write the first colour illustrated book on treen for 25 years. It was a race against time. In three months the scholarly and elegant Treen for the Table, was complete; it was published in April 1998.

In the same period he supervised the establishment of an art collection to enliven the corridor of his old ward area and was able to attend the opening of the modernised Jonathan Levi Clinical Lecture Theatre at Northwick Park and St Mark's, renamed to recognise his contribution to the growth of the site to a major player in British clinical medicine. ASHLEY PRICE

Alfred Jonathan Levi, physician and gastroenterologist: born London 27 July 1933; married 1964 Mary Cartmel (one son, three daughters); died London 4 January 1999.



Dr A. J. Levi - Polishing Treen, portrait of her father by Sophie Levi

Rear-Admiral Roy Foster-Brown

ROY FOSTER-BROWN is instantly remembered for three things - his long stint as Home Fleet Signals Officer in 1939 as Command Signal Officer to succes- and in 1940 was mentioned in despatchsive Commanders-in-Chief, Western es for his work in the Norwegian cam- la persisted. The wreck had to be found. he did. Such behaviour seems almost in-Approaches (1940–44), his command of the 6th Frigate squadron which eventually found the sunken submarine Affray (in 1951), and for his narration

of the television series Sea War in 1960. He was born Roy Brown 95 years ago and joined the service in 1917 from the N colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth. Its first ship was the new 6to-gun cruisr Diomede on the China station, an apcointment at a distance which might stonish the junior officer of today. He eraed in submarines before qualifying s specialist in Signals in 1930. After 10re sea time in destroyers he became ag lieutenant to Rear-Admiral dater dmiral Sir James) Somerville, then RA estroyers in the Mediterranean, his ag in the light cruiser Galatea.

In 1933 he and Joan Foster were mared, and at the suggestion of his fatherlaw, whose offspring were all nighters, took the name Foster-Brown.

He went on to the battleship Nelson paign before going ashore to Derby House in Liverpool for four years. Admiral Sir Max Horton was a hard taskmaster and Foster-Brown was not altogether sorry to escape to sea as executive officer of the light cruiser Ajax, which had helped to contain the Graf Spee in the war's first winter. He was promoted to Captain in 1946 after only five years as a Commander, and served in the Admiralty as Director of the Air Organisation department before returning to sea in command of the 6th

Frigate squadron. Affroy had sailed from Gosport on 16 April 1951 with 23 officers under training on board. When she failed to report her position next day, and to acknowledge any signals, the emergency general message Submiss - a submarine is overdue - was made and a massive search mounted, centred in the vicinity of Start Point where she was expected.

No trace was found, and by the eve- responsible for the finding of the Affroy of the operation. Foster-Brown's flotil-They steamed 23,800 nautical miles in an area of 6.000 square miles until Foster-Brown deduced that they should search elsewhere, in the Hurd Deep, a deep trench west of the Channel Isles. There, late in June, they found her in known position. Her ventilating mast, the Dutch device nicknamed the Schnorkel, which allowed boats to run on their diesel engines while submerged, was broken off, and she would have flooded very quickly.

Foster-Brown was concerned that his flotilla's work was never recognised or acknowledged and when he returned to the Admiralty in 1952 as Director of the Signals Division he sent for the pack, or file, on the subject to satisfy his curiosity. To his amazement, he found that a contemporary, like him approaching consideration for advancement to the flag list, had not only represented himself as

ning of the 19th urgency had gone out but also recorded that it was at his suggestion that Foster-Brown looked where credible and one wonders how it was dealt with; Foster-Brown became a Rear-Admiral in 1955 and his rival did not, which was some consolation.

By that time, Foster-Brown had commanded the Colony-class cruiser Cey-46 fathoms, nearly 40 miles from her last lon, which escorted the Queen on her Commonwealth tour in the chartered SS Gothic, temporarily commissioned as a Royal Yacht, whereafter, safely on the flag list, her Captain became Flag Officer Gibraltar, from 1956 to 1959. Roy Foster-Brown had an active and

happy retirement, prominent in the livery of the Armourers' and Braziers' Company, of which he was Master in 1964-65 and again 10 years later.

A. B. SAINSBURY

Roy Stephenson Brown (Roy Foster-Brown), naval officer: born 16 January 1904: CB 1958: married 1933 Joan Foster (two sons); died 8 January 1999.

HISTORICAL NOTES

1944: forewarned and forearmed

breaking the supposedly unbreakable German Enigma code has attracted more attention than the exploitation of the intelligence derived from it (soon christened "Ultra"). The spotlight has been turned on the mathematicians and chess-players who did the impossible. Without them, what the Germans were telling each other by radio would never have been known, but the knowledge was to prove a war-winning weapon.

In early 1941 at Bletchley Park, civilians lacking military experience above paradeground level and ignorant of the vocabulary of command - I was one of them- were suddenly empowered to send Enigma-derived signals to GHQ Cairo about Rommel's activities in Egypt. We learned about German plans to attack Crete a fortnight before the invasion was launched. From then onwards we were always husy, increasingly so as D-Day approached; by 1944 there was so much Ultra originating in

France, Italy and elsewhere that it required a cool head to keep abreast of developments in all theatres and to switch attention from one to another perhaps several times an hour. Crete was lost, mainly because there was insufficient force to take advantage of the

forewarning. The perfect re-

venge did not come until two

IN RECENT years the idea of through Tunisia, Rommel took immediate advantage. gave advance notice that he would counter-attack with 31,000 men and 135 tanks at a place called Medenine on 6 March. Montgomery dug in 600 anti-tank guns and quickly knocked out 50 German tanks. Unless there is force to back it, intelligence is useless; given sufficient force, intelligence sharpens conquest and can even create the opportunity for it.

Ultra first made its mark in late summer 1942. With Rommel poised for a final thrust on Cairo. Churchill appointed Montgomery to the command of 8 Army. Montgomery drew up a plan of action, divining what Rommel would do and how to foil him. Two days later, Rommel told Hitler exactly the same - in Enigma. The defensive battle of Alam Halfa paved the way for the victory of Alamein. The Montgomery legend was born and Ultra's

reputation established. Ultra's greatest triumph was to reveal Hitler's higgest mistake. By the end of July 1944 the British 21 Army Group was massed round Caen, the Americans had taken Cherbourg and were advancing down the west coast of the peninsula. The Germans tried to cut off their advance on 6 August. On 10 August Hitler personally ordered a renewal of the attempt - thus committing his armour westwards although his main danger was from his years later. By retreating rear in the east. Both allies

Two German armies were surrounded and annihilated in the Falaise pocket. Paris fell on 25 August.

In the euphoria of victory everyone from the Chiefs of Staff down excitedly proclaimed, "Hitler is beaten, the war is almost over." Only Churchill kept his head, saying on 8 September that it was at least as likely that Hitler would still be resisting at the beginning of the New Year as that he would collapse before then. In fact, Arnhem was still to come and the surrender did not follow until May 1945. The sobering lesson was the old one about not counting chickens before they are hatched.

It has been said that Ultra shortened the war by two years. This is pure speculation, however plausible it may seem - even in 1945 new and faster U-boats fitted with Schnorkels to make them undetectable might still have cut the supply-line which fed Britain and fuelled Normandy, had they been developed just a few months earlier. What is certain, however is that from at least late in 1942 Ultra gave such a profound insight into the intentions of the Nazi High Command and the activities of its subordinates that its contribution to victory was nothing less than tremendous.

Ralph Bennett is the author of 'Behind the Battle' (Pimlico, £12.50)

Enforcement of foreign arbitration award

THE COURT considered the matters which were relevant on an application to set aside leave to enforce a

foreign arbitration award. An application to set aside leave to enforce two arbitration awards made under the auspices of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission of Peking (CIETAC) was refused.

A dispute had arisen out of contract which contained a Chinese arbitration clause. In January 1998 the plaintiff obtained leave under s 101 of the Arbitration Act 1996 to enforce awards in an initial arbitration and in a resumed arbitration conducted under the auspices

of CIETAC.

It was common ground that the awards were New York Convention awards, and that unless the Peking court ordered a retrial and revocation of the awards they were, as they stood, final and enforceable under Chinese law.

On the defendant's application to set aside leave to enforce the awards, the following issues, inter alia, arose, whether the defendant had been prevented from presenting its case: whether the awards had been arrived at by an arbitral procedure not in accordance with the agreement of the parties, in breach of the CIETAC rules; and whether the defendant had established that the awards had been arrived at by means which were contrary to the requirements of substantial justice contained in English law as explained in Adams v Cape Industries [1990] 1 Ch 433, so that enforcement would be contrary to public policy. Duncan Matthews (Sinclair

TUESDAY LAW REPORT

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Minmetals Germany Gmbh v Ferco Steel Ltd Queen's Bench

Division, Commercial Court Mr Justice Colman) 20 January 1999

Roche & Temperley) for the plaintiff, Michael Swainston (Ince & Co) for the defendant.

Mr Justice Colman said that the effect of Art V of the New York Convention was that, where the tribunal was procedurally entitled to conduct its own investigation into the facts, enforcement of an award based on findings of fact derived from such investigations would be avoided if the enforcee had not been given any reasonable opportunity to present its case in relation to the

results of such investigations. That contemplated at least that the enforcee had been prevented from presenting his case by matters outside his control. In the present case, however, the enforcee had, due to matters within his control, not provided himself with the means of taking advantage of an opportunity given to him to present his case.

Article 53 of the CIETAC Rules was clearly and expressly applicable to the conduct of the arbitrators in making their award, and there

the first award, they had not acted in accordance with "international practices and the principle of fairness and reasonableness". Nothwithstanding that, following the Peking court's order for a resumed hearing, the evidence relied on by the arbitrators at the first hearing was open to challenge. but no such challenge had been advanced. The defendant had thus, by Art 45 of the Rules. waived its right to object.

was no douht that, as regards

In international commerce a party who contracted into an agreement to arbitrate in a foreign jurisdiction was bound not only by the local arbitration procedure but also by the supervisory jurisdiction of the courts of the seat of the arbitration.

Where, therefore, an enforcee alleged that a New York Convention award should not be enforced because enforcement would lead to substantial injustice and would thus be contrary to English public policy, the following considerations would normally be relevant the nature of the procedural injustice; whether the enforcee had invoked the supervisory jurisdiction of the seat of the arbitration; whether a remedy was available under that jurisdiction; whether the courts of that jurisdiction had conclusively determined the enforcee's complaint in favour of upholding the award; and, if the enforcee had failed to invoke that remedial jurisdiction, his reason for. and whether he had acted unreasonably in, failing to do so.

In the present case the enforcement of the awards would not lead to substantial injustice. KATE O'HANLON.

Barrister

IS YOUR love-life dull? How about an open fire, candles, a hig, big bottle of wine, tan-doori chicken, dried-up samosas and lukewarm rice? The Grocer records that cluttered Alldays is ousting fast food. Colin Glass, a cause it's sery that it has led will work in c-stores, but we have spent so much time.

money and effort in it be-

WORDS CHRISTOPHER

HAWTREE sexy, adj.

director, says, "I'm sure it us to neglect the basics." The OED merges the hormonal and the ad-man

may not sound as sery as electronics". The Grocer's June Hampton, no less, enthnses over something called Cheesestrings peelable string cheese. Apparently, this stuff has scope for greater "penetration and usage"- hardly the case with Dairylea usage, citing the Wall Street cheese triangles of yore.

Journal in 1970: "soybeans

GAZETTE

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES DEATHS**

IN MEMORIAM

EINSCHMIDT: Mary (Bark-). Much-loved mother of iton, Gerda and Mark. Missed nd remembered by her family re and in Cape Town.

LECTURES

sham College, Barnard's Hall, London EC1: Proor Gerald Wakefield. e Internet: pornography censorship", 5.30pm. ional Portrait Gallery: Cooper, "Plots and Cals (x): from Suez to 0". 1.10pm.

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BIRTHDAYS Mr Ken Bruce, broadcaster,

48; Sir Gordon Bryce, former Chief Justice of the Bahamas, 86; The Earl of Clarendon, former chairman and managing director, Seccombe, Marshall and Campion, 66; Sir Andrew Davis, chief conductor, BBC Symphony Orchestra, and musical director, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, 55; The Very Rev Dr Victor de Waal, former Dean of Canterbury, 70; Lord Eatwell, President. Queens' College, Cambridge, 54; Mr Abba Eban, former Israeli foreign minister, 84; Mr Glynn Edwards, actor, 68; Mr Ronnie Fearn MP. 68; Sir Norman Fowler MP.

61: M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, former French president, 73; Mr Marcus Hope, ambassador to Zaire, 57: Mr David Jason, actor, 59; Mr David Jones, chief executive, Next, 56; Sir Chips Keswick, chairman. Hambros Bank, 59; Mr Barry McGuigan, featherweight boxing champion, 38; Dame Alix Meynell, former

senior civil servant, 96; Miss Libby Purves, journalist, 49; Miss Elaine Stritch, actress and singer, 72.

ANNIVERSARIES

Births: (Eleanor) Nell Gwynn, actress and mistress of Charles II, 1650; Hannah More, religious writer, 1745; John Nichols, printer and writer, 1745; Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Perigord. statesman and diplomat 1754: Daniel Maclise, historical painter, 1806, Henry Havelock Ellis, sex psychologist, 1859; James Augustine Joyce, writer, 1882; James Stephens, poet and novelist, 1882; Les (Leslie) Dawson. comedian, 1934. Deaths: Baldassare Castiglione, writer and courtier, 1529; Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, composer, 1594; John Lawrence Sullivan, bare-knuckle fighter, 1918; Sir Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, 1936; Bertrand Russell, third Earl Russell, philosopher, 1970; Alistair Maclean, novelist, 1987; Bernard Braden,

Perry (Frederick John Perry), tennis-player, businessman and broadcaster, 1995: Donald Pleasance. actor, 1995; Gene Kelly (Eugene Curran Kelly), dancer and singer, 1996. On this day: the first parliament assembled of Great Britain and Ireland, 1801; a French force occupied Rome after Pope Plus VII refused to recognise the Kingdom of Naples, 1808; Greece declared war on Turkey, 1878; bread rationing was introduced in Britain, 1917; following a Russian-Estonian peace treaty, Estonia was declared independent, 1920; 60 countries attended the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, 1932; the remaining German army at Stalingrad surrendered to the Russians. 1943; in Uganda, Maj-Gen Idi Amin declared himself to be absolute ruler, 1971; a mob in Dublin hurned down the British Embassy, 1972. Today is the Feast Day of St Adalbald of Ostrevant. St Joan de Lestonnac, the Martyrs of Ebsdorf and the Purification.

broadcaster, 1993; Fred

ROYAL **ENGAGEMENTS**

The Duke of Edinburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, visits St John's Innovation Centre and St John's College, the Oast House and St Faith's School, Cambridge; and visits Burrall Limited, Wisbech, Cambridge shire. The Prince of Wales opens the Carendish Suite in the Haemato-Oncology Unit at Chesterfield and North Derivative Principal Colors byshire Royal Hospital, Calow, Derbyshire. The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fluid, addresses the Clos-ing Plenary Session of the 1999 Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland, The Duke of Kent President, Wellington College, visits an art exhibition, followed by dinner, at Wellington College, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD The Household Cavalry Mount-

ed Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; No 7 Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots Guards.

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The Lord is my shepherd

Not only does your dog have rights, it has a soul. And now it has its own set of church services. The author? A distinguished Oxford professor. By Paul Vallely

he caller at the other end of the phone Phone George Austin [the Church of England's arch-traditionalist] and he'll tell you it's an outrage," the disembodied voice said. "Phone John Habgood [the former Archbishop of York and he'll tell you it's theologically unsound. And then phone the Archbishop of Canterbury's public affairs secretary and he'll tell you it's all unauthorised. And then you'll bave your story." No, I said, I'd rather come and have a chat about it.

The voice belonged to the Rev-erend Professor Andrew Linzey, holder of the world's first academic post in "theology and animal welfare" at Mansfield College, Oxford. The subject of our conversation was his new book, Animal Rites, bound to cause controversy when it is published later this month because it contains the first set of church services for animals ever published. There are the equivalents of pet baptisms and funerals, together with healing services for animals. There are even memorial liturgies to be performed outside abattoirs and laboratories.

Couched, as they are, in the kind of Christian language previously reserved for interceding between humans and the Almighty, they will un-doubtedly cause offence in certain circles even as they will be welcomed by animal rights activists and by a certain type of doting pet-owner.

It is the Fido-factor that is the problem, I told Prof Linzey when we eventually met in a study, foggy with pipe smoke, in the Oxford college where he is a fellow. Just insert that doggiest of names into the liturgy he has devised for pet owners, to swear a covenant with what he likes to call their "companion animals", and you get the idea: PRIEST: Will you name this

RESPONDENT: Fido. Will you care for Fido as God's own

I will with God's grace. Will you be mindful of his Christ-like

I will be so mindful ..

(The human companion is then invited to touch/pat/stroke the animal as a sign of the covenant reaffirmed between them.)

Prof Linzey smiled wryly. "Tve married enough Berts and Brendas to know that the insertion of certain individual names inevitably screws

up the poetry of a prayer," he said. The key issue was this: Church people, newly conscious of the frail ecology of the world, were happy enough to frame prayers for the broad sweep of creation, but if you talk about one particular animal they feei uncomfortable.

"But the truth is that our relationships are with individual animals," he said. "It's no good the Lambeth Conference saying that 'the redemptive purpose of God in Jesus Christ extends to the whole of creation', and then ignoring the that individual animals were

'The idea that God is mainly interested in humans is mindbogglingly absurd'

made by God every bit as much as we were - and that the Incarnation is for them as much as it is for us." This, it has to be said, is not the

orthodox view. Animals do not have equal worth with people, according to Christianity's traditional reading of the book of Genesis - which says that God gave men and women dominion over the creatures of the earth. A similar attitude persisted in the classical world, when Aristotle's teachings prompted widespread belief that the world was there for man's use. The notion persisted through the Age of Enlightenment, and it continues at the core of much modern science. It is only comparatively recently that environmentalists and, more lately, animal rights activists have begun to question the concept of human supremacy.

"Over the centuries, people have fallen into an idolatry - the idea that God is predominantly or exclusively interested in the human species," said Prof Linzey, "But it's a mindbogglingly, gob-smackingly, breathtakingly absurd notion. Why did God create the wasp? Not for human need. How could dinosaurs have find it deeply reassuring that God has other concerns."

Ordinary people know this, he insisted, and you can see it in their attitude to their pets. "Of course there can be sentimentality and emotional over-indulgence," he said, puffing on his pipe. "But consider the impact which the death of a companion an-

imal can have. The experience of bereavement can be as deep, and sometimes deeper, than the loss of another human. Christian theology has failed to recognise the significance of animal-human companionship. Churches, in practice, have very little to offer those in the throes of bereavement; indeed, they fre-

quently express hostility or ridicule." Linzey knows that he is risking this himself. He is out on a shaky limb with a book whose dedication reads: "For Barney, still wagging his tail, in heaven." Animals do not have souls and cannot go to heaven, according to orthodox dogma, but Linzey disagrees: "We know that this creature, who died on earth, shall live again in heaven," reads his Liturgy for Animal Burial".

There was a knock on the door It was Prof Linzey's teenage daughter, on her way home from school. She had called in to report on the latest developments in her battle with her biology teachers. She was refusing to dissect pigs' hearts as part of her coursework. The professor broke off to listen, and offer words of support: You should remember what my first parish priest said to me: You'll never make a priest if you want to be loved by everyone'." She smiled weakly and set off home to do her

"If you seek untrammelled popularity, you will have no prophetic voice," her father elaborated after she had gone. "Telling the truth does not always make people love you; Jesus found that."

It's not questions of truth, but of priority and proportion, which most worry me about the animal rights' movement, I told him. It seems odd that people are prepared to take to the streets to protest about veal in crates, but do nothing for the 1 billion people who go to bed hungry every night in the Third World.

"Perhaps they have a sense that people, however dispossessed they may be, can speak and act for themselves. But animals - like children and embryos - depend upon others to articulate their plight," he said.
"They are the weakest, who cannot speak for themselves - vulnerable. in their suffering."

But, hang on, can you project innocence on to animals? Innocence is a moral quality. If animals, as CS Lewis put it, are capable of neither sin nor virtue, then innocence is not an appropriate term. And the moral worth of Christ's choice came not from being defenceless, but from



Professor Andrew Linzey: 'Christianity has failed to recognise the significance of human-animal companionship' John Lowren

choosing not to defend himself. It was all getting theologically dense, so I asked him what was his position on animal rights activists at-"They're not just wrong, but undermine their own case," he replied. "The weakness of the contemporary animal rights movement is its selfrighteousness. That's a killer of moral sense. We're all impure when it comes to animals: all red wine is filtered through the bones of dead he said, before explaining that the

at some point involved the exploitation of animals - so have most paints, dyes, washing-up liquids, fire extinguishers. You can't be pure, a can have a pro gressive disengagement, moving towards a vision of living in a crueltyfree world. These are veggie shoes for instance, and they look all right."

He waved his black brogues at me. Indeed they did. "They're made by Lynx, the anti-fur-trade people," animals; all orthodox medicine has argument was the same as the one

over when war was permissible. The troversy; now I accept it," he theory of "just war" sets down con- refilling his pipe. "In an ideal w ditions, but does not detract from the general injunction that we should not this is not an ideal world: 150 years not the first, yet our killing of other species has become habitual."

Which is why his book of prayers rails against veal crates, hen batteries, sow stalls, whaling, hunting for sport, the slaughter of seals and the "institutionalised abuse of millions of animals in laboratories". "I used to be frightened of con-

of the God-given order." Now where did I put George Austin's phone number?

'Animal Rites' by Andrew Linzey it: published by SCM Press, price £9.95 14

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Dance away the heartache (dance away the arrears)

Exams are over, and the students' attention is turning to other topics. In Dave and Alistair's case, this means money. By Cayte Williams

EXAMS ARE finally over and the pressure's off. Most of the students have had exams this January. The first term of their second years was a gentle lead-in to the important stuff. Any exams they take from now on will count towards their final degree. That's why last term was decision time for Leona at UMIST (University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology). She just hadn't done the work to show she could hack the rest of the second year. If these Manchester students are anything to go by, to be a student now means you actually have to do some work And most of it isn't spoonfed. lan, for example, only has four hours a week lecture time, the rest is taken up with reading endless books, studying and writing essays. Now that the jangle of nerves are no longer disturbing the house, the corridors are crowded with sounds from The Beatles (Alistair) to drum 'n' bass (Leona), lan and Tasha finished their swot-athon last Friday and spent Saturday night going wild at Fluid, one of the better Manchester ciubs. You

THIS STUDENT Life

SPRING TERM, WEEK 4 AT THE **MANCHESTER** STUDENT HOUSE

might find it hard to fathom why Tasha goes to clubs at all. She doesn't drink and can't differentiate one type of club music from another. "I dunno what music it was," she says. "House music maybe?"

She's looking forward to going home. "I really miss my family and I haven't seen them since

Christmas," she says. Alistair the moneymaker decided on a postmodernist night out to celebrate the end of his exams. He headed for Club Trop, named after the

Wham! hit "Club Tropicana" ("where membership's a smiling face," sings Tasha. Yes, she knows all the words). "I got hammered." says a disconcertingly jolly sounding Alistair, "and then I passed out."

Now he's sober, he's waxing lyrical about President Clinton. "When I was in America over Christmas, Clinton was on the air all the time. It was like, 'Here is the news from Clinton's toilet! Moment by moment action! Watch as be squeezes the last drop!' It was completely ridiculous, utterly boring."

He has an interesting insight on the rights and wrongs of the saga. "I thought the whole point of being a powerful president is that you got to have whoever you wanted. And I tell you what: out of all the girls I could have had I vouldn't have chosen Monica Lewinsky."

Alistair is going through his own love pain. He's missing Tori, his girlfriend in America. "We've spoken on the phone a few times and I've sent her a few tapes," he says, "and I'm throwing myself into so much activity that I won't have time to miss her." His

bedroom has its own testament to mushines with a poster of a couple watching the sunset. He isn't allowing himself much time to pine. Alistair is in an entrepreneurial frenzy. Not only is he organising his 21st birthday party, he's hiring DJs and organising tickets for club nights.

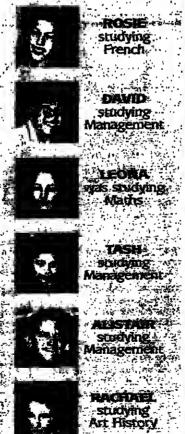
Meanwhile, Dave's oneoff night he promoted in a local club before Christmas was a roaring success, and the owners have offered him a weekly slot. He is considering going into business with Alistair.

advantage. For health reasons (unspecified) his doctor has told him he can't drink any alcohol. So while everyone else is getting pissed at his club nights, be'll be going around stone cold sober.



Dave has a big

"I'm all right," he says. He's just getting over the shock. "It'll save me a lot of money, and I will have to keep focused on my work, I won't be getting up at two in the afternoon any more. It'll make me fitter!" he declares, warming to the theme. "I'll go to the gym rather than the pub and if I want a drink, I'll get a Coke!" We'll see if his enthusiasm lasts the week



studying Geography

ROBBIE studying Economics

pleasing, simple, pure. Then they're plain. Nothing can go wrong with them. Even if the two ends do come apart at the join you just stick them back into each other. If they won't, you can put one end to your mouth and spiral the other in a big loop to your friend's ear and use it as a funny telephone. But what they're really for is something so simple and perfect that although to my knowledge there are no pictures of

hula-hooping devotees in

tomb paintings or carved on

Egyptian temples, it is only

a matter of time before some

are discovered.

FOR A start, they're round.

Round is good: aesthetically

One of the joys of Cairo is the Sufi dancers at al Ghouri, who two nights a week whirl with an elegance and energy which entrances the audience as well as the dervishes. They wear wide, circular skirts, their hems reinforced with I'm not sure what, and they have a particular pace - a kind of onetwo-three step - with which they propel themselves round, keep their balance and make their direct and mystical connection to God. As they do so, their skirts rise, fall, whirl and billow in great circular movements, guided by their arms as part of the dance. Always moving. they undo their waistbands and their skirts become as hoops, the cloth folded in, and

they whirl on, for hours

sometimes, round their

waists, their knees, their



other, their necks, then way rivative of a dance identifie up up above their heads, the circle spinning and spinning as the man spins too. It's clearly related to orbit, the passages of the sun, the moon and the earth, the music of the spheres and the perfection of geometry. Circles on circles.

THE JOYS OF

MODERN LIFE

31. Hula Hoops by Louisa Young

Now it is not quite like this in the playground, but it is not entirely different: the girls at my daughter's school, when they spin themselves round, do the same footwork as the Cairo Sufi dancers. When they bend their waists in that to and fro snaking movement to keep the hoop spinning on their hips - the movement is always much slower than you expect - they remind me of belly dancers.

The modern hula hoop is 41 this year: in 1958, 25 million of them sold in four months, and they were banned from the streets of Tokyo. It was the biggest fad ever Another fad, the feet, one arm and then the hoochie-coochie, was a de-

with the temple dancers Kutch in India (there's nothing new). Not that children care. They like hula hooping because they can do it can't. And it's something you learn to do at about five or six, when serious independence-climbing trees, going up the road on your own starts to tempt. Grown-ups are better at most activities requiring independence. Not this, though; when they try they are stiff, awkward, ou

of time and emberrassed. It's

a great role reversal. I can't do it. But I comfo myself that I never could do know a trick, howevel where you bowl the hoop away from you - and you can bowl it quite hard to go 20 or 30 feet - and with a particular lar flick of the wrist you can make it pause at the end of its journey and then roll straight back to your waitin hand. It manages to impre even the most accomplished.



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Hell is other people

Neil LaBute's latest film is another portrait of bad behaviour with laughs. At whose expense? By Mike Higgins

f anything, they probably really just feel as if I've graduated to misanthropy: 'He doesn't just hate women, he hates everyone." Poor Neil LaBute. The 35-year-old American playwright and film-maker fashioned a withering attack on the barbarous sport of corporate man with 1998's In the Company of Men, and got labelled a misogynist.

He decides to even things up in Your Friends & Neighbours and place women as well as men under his scrutiny, and, well, he can guess how his critics are going to react. Imagine thirty something scripted by David Mamet and directed by Harold Pinter, and you'll get a flavour of LaBute's second feature, a black morality tale for the Nineties. The men whose comgany we kept in his debut, Chad and oward, ruthlessly courted and dumped a deaf secretary just because they could. Your Friends & Neighbours doesn't offer up its villains quite so easily.

Ben Stiller, Catherine Keener, Aaron Eckhart, Amy Brenneman Jason Patric and Nastassia Kinski are, variously, doctors, journalists and lecturers, swathed in Calvin Klein and good intentions. Surely they're not going to wreck their own and each other's relationships and lives for a quick rush of ego? Well, let's just say that the film'a Valentine weekend release indicates a healthy sense of humour on the part of the distributors.

Your Friends & Neighbours is another film about betrayal from the happily married practising Mormon. This time, however, it's not so clear who the victims are. "In the Company of Men was

like watching a car crash in slow motion: you're told what's about to happen and there's nothing you can about it," explains LaBute, mically. In the film there are as going round the block in opposite ways. You think 'God, if they're not careful, someone's gonna hit the other one.' But you're not sure when or on which corner Notoriously, In the Company of Men pursued Chad and Howard's declaration, "Let's hurt somebody", to its ghastly conclusion. To a

lesser extent, Your Friends & Neighbours has its own catchphrase: "Is it me?" "I began to see She's not just looking for a good lay." it as a useless mantra that the men at least repeated just to sound as if they cared about other people," says LaBute. "Jason's character was pretty sure that when he does ask it he's quite sure that the problem lies with someone else."

So, men are still the real bastards? Not quite. The way LaBute sees it all six characters are too husy with their own problems to be properly sensitive to anyone else's, hut at least the women try to sort irs out. For instance, Barry Caron Eckhart, in a role very dif-



Men behaving hadly: Aaron Eckhart, Ben Stiller and Jason Patric in Your Friends & Neighbours'; below, Neil LaBute

ferent to the arch manipulator he played in ITCOM) is impotent, and his wife, Mary (Amy Brenneman), has difficulties with sex.

Barry keeps pushing towards intercourse rather than just the physical act of just holding someone. Mary takes off in a different direction, but at least she's trying.

At the other end of the emotional spectrum, Jason Patric's character. Cary, is a handsome, highly eligible, soulless and utterly calculating doctor who knows exactly what he wants. In the film's most chilling scene, he recounts to Barry and Jerry his most intense sexual experience, the gang rape of a younger boy while he was away at camp as a teenager. Patric, last seen in the abysmal Speed 2, is a revelation as the unblinking, hlueeyed predator. (In fact, he'd make a great Patrick Bateman, the

eponymous Wall Street killer in Bret Easton Ellis's American Psycho, and LaBute admits that before there was any sort of flap about DiCaprio" he pitched the same idea to the American Psycho producers.) Patric had originally approached LaBute with the idea of producing Your Friends & Neighbours, which he eventually did, but LaBute persuaded him that Cary was too good a part to pass on. LaBute dismisses the suggestion that it might have been a risk to hand over so much control to the bruised ego of a failed action star.

otherwise have remained shut "And be's so damned beautiful to look at! I extended that idea that I had in Company, of beautiful people saying awful things. For some reason we seem to be drawn, moth-like, to 'the beautiful people'.

adding that Patric's name opened



Continually, we forgive them: 'Oh God, I must have misunderstood him - he couldn't have said anything Hollywood doors that would that awful." Anyway, reckons LaBute, Cary may be a monster but at least you know where you stand with him. According to him, Ben Stiller's character, outwardly decent, is far worse. "Jerry is the one who really hugs me because be professes this moral tone. He seems

to look at Cary as if he's a lesser species, yet again and again he makes the worst choices." If not as flagrantly as Jerry, every character in Your Friends & Neighbours' mistakes selfishness for selfrespect. And LaBute is in no doubt where this deceit originates: These people seem to have graduated from their parents' vision of the 'Me' generation - they're trying so desperately to fulfil their own needs that they almost don't realise that anyone else has them." Nevertheless, watching the six characters limp from one disastrous relationship to another is a bleak, if darkly comic, experience. For LaBute, however, their dogged persistence is something of a virtue: "What keeps it from being hopeless is that they do continue, coming out of bad relationships." The film's shock ending would seem to be the strongest argument against this up-

beat conclusion. But the most he'll concede is that the film is "sceptical" about its protagonists' motivations. Still, it's no accident that Jerry is seen lecturing on Wycherley's The Country Wife. The qualities of Restoration comedy that LaBute admires - "the rapier wit and the swift-flowing movement, how words become action" - are palpable in Your Friends & Neighbours. Don't forget, though, says the director, that the Restoration dramatists were taking pot shots at the very audience they were writing for. "It wasn't for no reason that I

called it Your Friends & Neighbours. It'a inclusive and indicting at the same time," insists LaBute. "Don't kid yourself - there's traits here that must ring familiar."

'Your Friends & Neighbours' is released on 12 February

A night out with the toys

THEATRE

CHINA SONG THE DRUM PLYMOUTH

CHINA SONG arrives with a list of awards. Last year's Vivian Ellis for the most promising musical, book writer and lyricist, and the 1998 Warner/Chappell Music Prize.

It has also been dubbed A Wizard of Oz for the Nineties. China Song is worthy of the awards, but the comparison is doubtful. The Wizard of Oz has the Munchkins. Toto and a philosophically PC-ending. China Song is beguiling enough to charm an audience of adults, but may be over the beads of children.

The story of a captured delight failing to live up to its promise in captivity is a theme well-thumbed: in this case, from Hans Andersen's The Nightingale and John Fowles's The Collector. Presented here as a fairy tale in operatic form, its plea for freedom and naturalness provides a powerful dramatic motif.

China Song is an artistic triumph for writer and lyricist Simon Nicholson, composer Gary Carpenter and director Annie Castledine. The story of the Emperor who refuses to assume the responsibility of his office. preferring to play with toys and scour the country for unusual novelbes, may or may not he PC, depending on your philosophical outlook. "What about China?" asks the Chief Mandarin, "Sell it," says the wayward Emperor. The evasion of responsibility forms the background to this near perfect piece of miniature musical theatre.

Highly polished and stretched just within its limits, it holds the attention throughout with its eclectic musical score, running between Menotti and Sondheim, with the occasional outhurst of hurlesque razzmatazz. Played by a five-piece chamber ensemble of harp, saxes, bass, guitar and banjo, actively led by musical director Timothy Sutton at the keyboards, it is always interesting, and often absorbing.
The cast sing with wistful

intensity drawing the audience into acceptance of a magic world without any element of surprise or shock. Brendan O'Hea plays the Emperor with insolent grace, and Nigel Richards is the anxious official at the end of his tether. Amber Sinclair plays the Nightingale, captured for the Emperor's amusement and robbed of song in captivity, and Elizabeth Mansfield, as the everwilling toymaker, bounces off songs like "I'm a genius" and "Fishing". ALLEN SADDLER

To 13 Feb then touring

Soul man finds perfect pitch

WHAT DO you do with a voice? A recent Mojo magazine celebrated Aretha Franklin as the singer of the century, and she hasn't made a decent album in nearly 30 years. While he's not yet in the Aretha class, David McAlmont can certainly he talked about in the same ur-

gent, soulful breath. How best to harness his gorgeous instrument, however, asn't been entirely clear up to now. A background in indiecrossover acts, first with and then in the brief ership with Suede's Bernard Butler, allowed McAlto avoid the black hole hat all Brit-soul careers seem end up in. But where was it leading to, other than occasional Shirley Bassey pastiche? Thankfully, on the recent

POP DAVID MCALMONT FLEECE AND FIRKIN

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solo album A Little Communication (Hut), McAlmont has put his soul cards on the table. The result is a record, produced by Tommy D, with backings stripped to the bone, that just keeps getting better with every listen. The rare jewel of a voice is at last given a setting worthy of it. Whether the programmed beats and murmurs could be reproduced live remained the

wild card in the pack. A pre-gig soundtrack of Al Green's greatest hits tempted fate, but once McAlmont took the stage, all doubts vanished immediately. The superbly ver-



soul cards on the table

satile and laid-back quartet of two keyboard players, bass and drums stroked ont the insouciant rhythms; the singer took his position by the microphone, and we all prepared to swoon. Almost from the first note, it was achingly, breathtakingly good. With his retro specs and the sweeping gestures of his pipe-cleaner arms making him look like a less messianic version of Malcolm X. McAlmont

Unlike Al Green, Aretha or Marvin Gaye (whose "Sexual Healing" era beathox rhythms are copied occasionally on the new album), McAlmont's voice is more airy than earthy. Rather than testify, he soars, twitters and trills like a miraculous bird. The mastery of his voice and microphone technique are quite remarkable. Notes are projected at an intimate volume and then subtly caressed, with the off-mike breath calibrated to produce the desired effect. The only doubt is that the music is so

mont's charm so sophisticated, yon wonder if they risk going over the audience's heads.

Though the performance was one of the hest I've ever heard from a vocalist, the encore was far from assured. It came all the same, in the beautiful form of Curtis Mayfield's "People Get Ready", with the opening verses sung wonderfully, not by McAlmont, but by keyboard player and bassist. It was magical already, but when it came to McAlmont's turn it got better still. What a voice! PHIL JOHNSON

McAlmont plays the Jazz Café, London NW1, tonight. His new single 'A Little Communication', was released yesterday on Hut Recordings

Look but don't touch

YO REVISIT Mozart's last Symthony, the Jupiter, before enering Bluebeard's Castle is a ittle like enjoying one final limpse of Olympus before in-Frment. Not that Bernard

tink's performance of a model of fine deportment. i Mozart was especially Moian, Patrician is probably etter word. With the London nilharmonic arranged "in the iennese manner", but with vilins divided left and right, his as a kind of last stand for 19thentury tradition in the wake of ne 18th-century period intrument revival. Which is not) imply bloated sonorities and nmovable rhythms - the ound was most beautifully tansparent, well-delineated,

CLASSICAL BLUEBEARD'S CASTLE

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And yet, and yet. This is a momentous work, a work of consequence and audacity whose lofty inspirations have resonated across the ages to thrill and surprise us. But there was no surprise, no heat of inspiration about Haitink's reading. For the first three movements at least, we were comfortably ensconced in that all-purpose drawing room of 18th-century manners, there to admire but not to touch or be touched.

opposed to the musical impulses were never truly felt. might still have been more strongly projected, leading lines more ardently sung, but Mozart was at last present in the hall.

Bartok was there too, but willing us to be somewhere else, somewhere deep in our subconscious. The spoken Prologue to his operatic masterinvites us to "listen in silence". It's a revealing phrase in as

Every detail was exquisitely any aspect of presentation - be attended, but the human as it in the theatre or concert hall - is bound to distract. This is theatre of the mind and soul Until that great finale where at and, as such, you want to lose last some blood started pump- yourself in it. Haitink and his oring. Inner woodwind parts chestra did everything they could to assist, eliminating the light of the natural world, illuminating the darkness within. Bartok's astounding or-

chestral imagery was beautifully realised. Here and there -on the threshold of the "lake of tears", for instance - the effect was perhaps a shade overpiece Bluebeard's Castle literal, drawing one's attention to how Bartok had achieved the sounds, not why. But then again much as this remarkable work there was a palpable sense of so excites the imagination that us all sharing Judith's stunned

silence as Bluebeard's kingdom is revealed to her in a welter of brassy, organ-buttressed C major Judith was the excellent German mezzo Petra Lang, indomitable in the sepulchral lower registers of the voice, but with a freedom and radiance at the top to at least suggest the unconditional love that she could not bring herself to give.

Her Bluebeard, Kolos Kovats, rightly subordinated menace to the role's ineffshle sadness. The idea that at the end of life's long day's journey we are essentially alone, is more movingly conveyed here than in any other piece I know. The rest is indeed silence.

EDWARD SECKERSON



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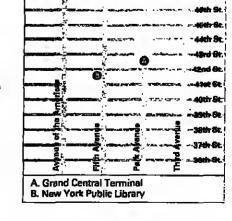
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Show us the big picture

Is Andreas Gursky really just a photographer who wants to be a painter? Or are his perfectly composed, digitally manipulated pictures an attempt to parody photography itself and our image-saturated world? By Tom Lubbock

ndreas Gursky's oictures are beautifui - or so they seem. What kind of truth they're after is another matter. This German photographer is in his mid-forties. He has an exhibition of his work from the last five years at the Serpentine Gallery. His subjects are such as these: the Rhine, with the river, its far and near green banks, the entirely blank sky above, all lying in absolutely straight-edged and parallel

A glass-fronted skyscraper at night, every single window lit, and revealing a series of miniature, meticulously sharp tableaux of the interior

A bright white wall of alpine mountainside, evenly speckled all over with dark trees and rocks.

A hugely spacious hotel atriumlobby, whose architecture is viewed with miraculously exact symmetry, and whose colours are incredibly pure and flat. And vast May Day crowds, packed trading floors, offices with zooming perspectives of desks, sweeping nocturnal city-scapes.

His pictures are, for photographic prints, very large. Two and a half metres is a common width. Whatever the subject, his shots look highly rehearsed, set up, as far as can be from snaps. They seem to hold more than the eye can see. They have a great depth of focus, far and near, all sharp. Their angles of vision can be extremely wide (and with no apparent distortions). They are packed with very small but very solid, highresolution detail (often these details are ant-like humans). They have regularities that appear too neat to be true. The images fall perfectly into flat, abstract designs. They have within them unreal patterns of repeated elements.

When people interpret Gursky, they tend to talk about the way his pictures stress the depersonalisation, regimentation, massification, standardisation, hygienisation of modern society and modern nature. If this is indeed their vision and, as stated, it seems considerably less fascinating than the pictures themselves - then it is not a vision that the artist just discovers in the world he points his camera at. He deliberately puts it there. To be specific: this is a body of work that has perhaps in every case been subjected

Though seamless to the eye, the process is sometimes almost visible to common sense. Surely the horizon above the river couldn't be that dead straight. Surely that rising vista of the Bundestag, which keeps on going up, involves more than one point of view. Surely the lighting of that crowd of figures on the Chicago trading floor is too bitty and collage-like. Surely that hotel lobby is beyond belief. And can you spot literal image-repeats in the hits of dark rock and tree dotted around the snow? Maybe one doesn't spot the half of it. Maybe one would be staggered to discover how little unaltered actuality remained. I don't know. But I must admit, I never feel quite happy

about all this. Another visitor to the gallery didn't feel happy at all, saying: "He doesn't know whether be wants to be a photographer or a painter." That visitor, I'm sure, was a photographer. But the question is, with image technology moving where it's mov-



'Chicago Board of Trade' (1997): 'Whatever his subject, his shots look rehearsed, set up, as far as can be from snaps'

ing, is Gursky or anyone else really obliged to decide between the two professions? Can't you be both, or something in between? Well, I think there are points to argue here.

People tend to say bluffly: images are all just images, however they're produced - and besides, traditional photography is hardly innocent of monkey-business. That's true, of course. Photographers can make very free with lenses, cropping, printing, the over- or under-exposing of details. (Gursky does a lot of s, too). And you may say this is no different in kind from the stuff that

can be done with computers. I think there is a difference, though, and it's as much ethical as technical. Traditional photography does generally draw a line where

of something in an image. It won't founded on a find. introduce bits from other images, or it won't do these things partly because it can't do them, or not as seamlessly as computers can. All the same, the line itself is not entirely

some basic matters of fact. But if a rational line can be drawn, why insist on it? Here the case for traditional photos seems weaker. Yes, some photos are about fact and evidence. But lots aren't, and then they have to defend their photographic status with something like an angler's boast: that, through luck, alertness,

manipulated photography doesn't. It the picture, whatever its virtues, ly tonal style of image-making that won't change the shape or position can only be worth anything if it's

It can be hard to shed this feelsplice two images together. No doubt ing. I was shocked, going round, to realise how much I missed that sense of trouvaille, and felt cheated by its absence - what, be just makes it up? But I take the point. To arbitrary. It's a matter of respecting insist on the pure find is often to impose a redundant virtuosity.

However, the argument is likely to turn on the image-manipulators too. For you could equally ask them: so why this insistence on making images that still look just like photographs? Why do collage, but then remove all the visible cuts and jumps to create a smoothly unified cumning patience, they actually saw view? Why stay loyal to the distinc-and caught this image. So? It's as if tive photographic look – that pure-stands, so one had better use it. Or pher should resent them.) They are

comes out of the camera?

For surely, the only claim this par-ticular look has on us is precisely its long association with found truth. But if this association is now utterly broken, why hold on to the style, which is now just one style among many? If you have your vision of the modern world, why not paint it or col-lage it or whatever? Why stick to

making fake photos? There can be answers to these questions, and answers which don't involve fakery. For instance, you may say that the photo-look has become simply the lingua franca of the modern image. Once it had the authority of truth, hut now it's just

on the other hand, you might specifically want a truth effect - the idea could be to make people imagine the manipulated picture's fiction as actuality; or maybe to stage a clash between the photo-look and an impossibly unreal image. Or a photolook might be employed to make

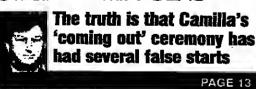
some point about photography itself. And now this argument-excursion has got us back to Gursky's work and what it's up to, namely: several of the tricks mentioned above, especially the last. His pictures aren't trying to pass themselves off as normal photos. They're trying to be super-photos, pictures that, through artifice, are excessively good at being the things a normal photo might wish

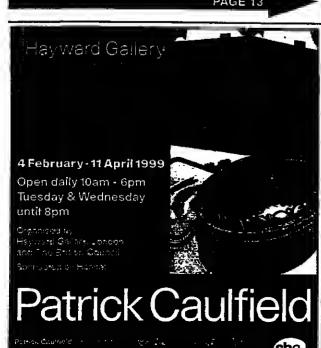
glutted with the photographic. They're like a parody - a parody not of individual artists, but of a whole art and its whole take on the world - or of a world which has been so over-photographed that now it turns itself into a photo before our eyes.

But to see this, of course, one needs to see the pictures as not quite true. Whether, as image-technology advances, and we get used to it, and the photo-look is more and more dissociated from any truth value, we'll then still be able to catch Gursky's large and beautiful ironies, is a point that can at least occur to us.

Andreas Gursky - Photographs 1994-98': Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2; daily, admission free

STUART HIGGINS





THE INDEPENDENT COLLECTOR

JOHN WINDSOR'S GUIDE TO COLLECTING CONTEMPORARY ART. THIS WEEK: JACK VETTRIANO

JACK VETTRIANO borrowed the title of his painting, Game On (right), from pinball jargon. Lights flash, bells ring. It is the moment when a promise turns into a cert.

The two lovers are not even naked - yet this was the sexiest painting at Art 99, the big annual London Contemporary Art Fair that took place last month. It sold for £15,000 and Tom Hewiett of the Portland Gallery reckoned he could have sold the painting several times over.

We've mostly all been there; have learnt to interpret the body signals of the opposite sex, then swapped notes among giggling groups of our own gender. The wonder is why, when so much art is about sex, so few artists have shown it as it is played out in real life, as Vettriano does. There's obviously a problem here. And it is made no easier for Vettriano by the fact that he is a former coalminer in his native Scotland and

a self-taught artist, too. Art critics, especially south of the Border, have studiously ignored his work, despite or perhaps, because of - its popularity with private buyers. A few disdain it as soft porn. No public galleries have bought it. Why can't he paint miners with blackened faces blinking in the dawn light? Why must his courting couples circle one another in bars

and dance-halls, wearing collars and ties

and skimpy dresses? Such second-rate glamour. Is that the correct way to

epresent the working class?
The fact is that that is how the mating game was enacted in the Fife of Vettriano's youth - and still is. He is 45 now, was down the pit between the ages of 16 and 20, and recalls: "I couldn't wait to leave school, get a job, buy my first suit and get into the Friday and Saturday night dancing. Those who glamorise the pit are those who weren't there. I was bloody there, and I can tell you there was bugger-all to call romantic."

And now? What about the couple in Game On? "They're not scraping around for money. The mining valley has become silicon valley. Japanese electronics companies have moved in. All we could afford at those weekend dances was Coke, but those two probably have a couple of bottles of bubbly in the fridge. That little black dress is a provocation, but she probably paid no more than £9.99 for it in a department store."

And the sex? Aren't the working class upposed to do it with the light turned off and their socks on? "In my youth, I never noticed any stiffness towards sex. We used to do it wherever we could - behind the Coop, on the beach, in bus shelters. Looking back, it was dreadful, but I still feel a great



to get into adulthood."

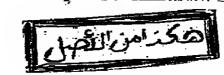
He says: "I sometimes get the feeling from critics that sex itself is not correct that they'd rather have a landscape. But we live in a world where people are sexually

driven. It is a powerful thing, powerful enough to unseat presidents. People are desperate for it. Voracious. Men will do any bloody thing to get it. They will go back to tha same woman, to the same brothel, even though they know they are on the road to

destruction. It is like being an alcoholic. "In my paintings, people know this. They dress glamorously and the atmosphere is highly charged, but they are not particularly happy. They know that things are not likely to work out. They neither know nor care whether they will see the person they are pursuing the following day."

Vettriano now has a studio in London. He is selling his mansion in Edinburgh and intends to buy a smaller house there. He paints all the time. His marriage broke up at about the time his paintings began to sell.

Prices: you can still buy n 12in by 10in canpas for pround £3,000 ('Game On' is 40in by 30in) from the Portland Gallery (0171-321 0422); the less provocative paintings – dancing on the beach, bar scenes - have been published as prints by The Art Group in the standard sizes 40cm by 50cm (from about £9) and 60cm by 80cm (from about £18); they retail at print stores such as Athena, the Art Factory and House of Fraser



composed By Tom Lubbock

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HEALTH

The drug Nabilone offers great pain relief, but is not freely available. Why? Because it is synthetic cannabis, says Dr Colin Brewer

When the drugs do work

phone, you can tell that Walter Dale probably never smoked cannabis as a teenager. Not the type. Not the age-group. His teens were the early Fifties when cannabis simply wasn't around, unless you were a Jamaican saxophonist. By the time it appeared in the mid-Sixties. Walter was married, running a successful business and collecting old Jowett cars. If he wanted to adjust his brain, he used alcohol. Until his late-50s, he was fit and healthy, but ageing humans, like ageing Jowetts, give trouble sooner or later. In 1995, he slipped a disc.

After an operation (courtesy of Bupa, so no delay), there was some residual pain. The surgeons said a little injection near the spine should do the trick. It probably does for 99 per cent of patients but Walter's legs were numb and paralysed the next day. Movement and feeling returned, but he was left with increasingly severe pain and weakness. Soon, he had to use two walking sticks and neither his GP nor the local pain specialists had an answer. Strong opi-ates didn't help and, in any case, he feared becoming addicted to them.

A few months ago, he read that cannabis sometimes relieved intractable pain. Overcoming his lawabiding habits, Walter obtained some. He wasn't very hopeful but five minutes after the first lungful, the pain was enormously better. Subsequent cannabis joints were equally effective. He told his GP who was, as always, sympathetic but couldn't legalise Water's successful self-medication with cannabis. Walter contacted Release, who normally advise youngsters arrested for pussessing illicit drugs. Release referred him to me, though I specialise in addiction, not pain.

As I understood the legal situation, I could prescribe heroin for Walter but not cannabis, though it might become possible when planned clinical trials had been completed in a year or two. Of course, I'm all in favour of objective scientific trials, but I also believe that one of the primary duties of doctors is to relieve pain and that there's an important but unfashionable entity called "the art of medicine". In the absence of scientific evidence, I'm willing to use cautious empiricism to belp my patients. Although I had never prescribed it, I knew of a synthetic cannabis preparation called Nabilone, used to control the severe nausea and vomiting which complicates some types of chemother-

apy for cancer. I checked it out. It wasn't even listed in the current MIMS (the pharmaceutical industry's monthly guide). The National Formulary mentioned it but warned that it was for hospital use only. The makers, Cambridge Laboratories (based, confusingly, in Tyneside), were very helpful and told me that in addition to its official, licensed use



The pain Walter Dale suffers as the result of a botched operation is greatly relieved by Nabilone, but the drug is only usually prescribed to cancer patients

doctor could prescribe Nabilone for other purposes, provided the patient knows the drug is being used "off label", as the Americans say. This is not unique to Nabilone. Many drugs are prescribed "off label" because medical practice advances more quickly than medical bureaucracy. Prescribing "off label" exposes both patient and doctor to possible risks, and it must be done responsibly. But it is common in most areas of medicine. Nabilone isn't a "controlled

I gave the good news to Walter's GP. He was afraid to prescribe it, so

drug" like morphine or dexam-

phetamine. It is actually in much the

same legal category as many other

drugs used to treat cancer.

by hospital cancer specialists, any

I referred Waiter to an allegedly sympathetic pain specialist. He was sympathetic, but not enough to prescribe it. It seemed I would have to prescribe it myself. I took a history and examined him. He was clearly quite handicapped and there was obvious wasting of the leg muscles. After intoning the official "off label" warnings, I gave him a prescription. Two chemists then refused to dispense it, apparently on the grounds that anything involving cannabis was dodgy. After two weeks, one relented, though Nabilone cost Walter much more than his illicit cannabis. He had to pay £117 for 20 capsules. They worked just as well, though the onset of relief was naturally slower than with smoking.

Cannabis shouldn't be denied Walter because of the USA's ineffective worldwide 'war on drugs'

One capsule a day is usually sufficient. He still walks slowly, sometimes even without sticks or pain, and the only side-effect is slight nausea. Naturally, I have asked myself whether this is simply a placebo effect. It could be but the benefit has

now lasted for over a month. We ously incorrect. Nabilone is tetrahycould easily give him some dummy capsules and see if he can tell the difference. The GP is impressed and accepts that he won't be dragged before the General Medical Council if he gives Walter an NHS prescription, but he still won't prescribe Nabilone because it costs so much and might be needed for several years.

Walter is 61 and married for a second time with three teenage children. He has had to retire from his business because of his disability, but at least he can live free of pain with Nabilone. What are we to make of this crazy situation? The official position (that we can't prescribe cannabis until trials have been done, and maybe not even then) is obvi-

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cannabis. As with many new or under-researched treatments (especially drugs for Aids), clinical trials can be done in parallel with empirical use. Cannabis isn't a new drug and clearly has relatively low toxicity. It

shouldn't be dished out like Smarties (nor should Valium), but it shouldn't be denied to deserving cases like Walter just because of the USA's ineffective worldwide "war on drugs" during the last 80 years. I don't easily believe in conspir

acy theories but I do suspect that the government is terrified of offending the US and that there's at least a

mini-conspiracy to pretend that drocannabinol (THC) - probably Nabilone doesn't really exist. Or the main active constituent of alternatively, to pretend that it can only be prescribed by cancer specialists for in-patients.

Sean Paget

I don't say that it should be prescribed (especially on the NHS) to people who just want to get stoned. but it seems that most regular cannabis users prefer the real thing. I bope to get Walter enrolled in one of the trials expected to start soon. so that he won't have to pay about £6 a day for a legal supply of a drug which, in a sensible world, he could grow at bome for a few pennies.

Dr Colin Brewer is medical director of the Stapleford Centre in London, which specialises in addiction

Schoolchildren, mind your backs

Carrying heavy schoolbags is endangering young people's health. By Teresa Wilson

A FAMILY of four could go away for a weekend with less luggage. Coat, schoolbooks. PE kit, art folder, violin: children are not only struggling to school with such loads, but also from class to class during the day.

There is growing concern that these burdens are causing back problems during childhood that may lead to chronic pain in adult life.

In the past, most secondary children had an allocated desk with a sloped writing-top and room to store books - furniture that has now largely been replaced by flat-topped desks to accommodate group work. Pupils tend to move around during the day, sometimes sitting at desks and tables intended for someone bigger or smaller. Unless the school has lockers, they may carry their schoolwork with them all day.

Russell Dean, a chiropractor, says: "Sitting in front of the TV or a computer screen, carrying heavy bags and sitting at flat school desks are all setting up problems for the future. It's not just carrying the bags that is a problem, but the way they are carried. Too often you see children struggling under loads that are carried on one shoulder. If you are carrying weights, it should be evenly distributed. Too much strain on the back can lead to scoliosis, or curvature of the spine, particularly

if it is unbalanced." The Chiropractic Treatment Centre in Bournemouth has been undertaking research into the crigins of back disorders. Dr Malihe G



Rucksacks could become the new satchels Martin Spacen

Zahedi says that patients' records spanning the last 15 years show that some disorders start in childhood and are often associated with school activities such as carrying school bees, sitting for long periods, and certain sporting activities.

The National Back Pain Association (NBPA) raised many of these issues during National Back Pain Week last year. David Newbound is chairman of their children's working party. "We expect [children] to carry quite unreasonable weights. There are Health and Safety directives that prescribe what a postman should be carrying, but no such guidelines relating to children in schools, which is the reason why the NBPA has issued its own guidelines."

One school taking the problem seriously is Acland Burghley, a comprehensive in Camden. "The transition from primary to secondary school can be quite a shock," says the deputy head. Simon Barber. We've been looking into buying lockers, but they are expensive and we need to be sure of getting a good investment"

Lockers aren't always the answer, says Linda Castle, mother of two boys at a middle school in Berkshire. "There's not always enough time to go back to the locker and change books between lessons," she points out. "They get into trouble if they are late for a lesson, so they keep everything with them. On games days, they are carrying PE kits too."

One possible solution has been tried Roy Ludlow, a beadteacher who has incorporated a rucksack recommended by the NBPA into the school uniform of Beecher Cliff comprehensive in Bath. He says: "Not only do they protect children's backs, but they also have reflective strips which are an added safety feature. They're not compulsory yet, but it will be for

all new pupils." The NPBA schoolbags were designed by a team of experts, including Jim Taylour, an ergonomist. He is concerned not only with sound schoolbags, but also with well designed school furniture. "It is important to make sure that an environment fits the people, rather than the people fitting into the environment... School furniture is not in line with modern thoughts on posture and sitting, and needs to have a complete overhaul. I work with occupational health people from many large companies, and they report that more and more young people are entering the workplace with bad backs and postural problems."

Another ergonomist, Levent Caglar, has been working on a European Standard for school furniture. Schools will have two routes to choose from, he says - "flat-topped desks, or chairs with a slightly raised back that will open the angle of the children's body to their thighs, and should be used with a sloping desk... What we don't have at the moment is any definitive research looking at both types of furniture."

The problem for many schools is likely to be that of raising the money to replace furniture. But David Newbound says, "It is possible to buy a good, economical chair for under £20. and schools that have the moulded plastic bucket seat can modify them with a wedge for less than £15.

Emma Tate, Director of the National Back Pain Association, recommends: "We should make an investment in children now which might help to protect their backs for the future. Why are we subjecting children to seats that would be unacceptable in the workplace? Children are getting a raw deal."

about osteoporosis A QUESTION broken their hips. What can I

Making no bones



DR FRED KAVALIER

A BLOOD test has revealed that my thyroid hormone levels are "a little on the low side". I have been offered thyroid supplements, but I do not know if they are really necessary. Will I need to take them for the rest of my life? The thyroid gland, which sits just below the larynx in the front of the neck, produces a hormone - thyroxine - which is vital for health. Children who do not have adequate thyroxine do not grow properly and their intellectual development can be affected. In adults, the effects are more subtle, but the commonest symptoms are tiredness, weight gain and depression. If thyroxine levels fall, the only way to correct them is to take thyroxine

supplements. If a blood test shows that your thyroxine levels are on the low side, or if the levels of another hormone thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) - are beginning to rise, you are likely to need to take thyroid supplements for the rest of your life. If the thyroxine levels are borderline, it would be sensible to have a repeat blood test in about six months. But if the levels are deteriorating, the only way to correct them is with supplements.

I HAVE taken 150mg of aspirin every day since suffering a heart attack in 1983. My doctor has now suggested that this can be reduced to 75mg. Will this be any less effective? A relatively tiny dose of aspirin (75mg seems to be plenty) is very effective in reducing the risk of a second heart attack in people who have already had one. The smaller dose that your doctor has suggested should be just as effective as 150mg, and it is less likely to cause side effects such as indigestion.

Send questions to A Question of Health, The Independent', 1 Canada Square, Canary Whorf, London E14 5DL; fax 0171-293 2182: or e-mail to health@independent.co.uk Dr Kavalier cannot respond personally to questions

Science created Prozac but marketing made it sing

I AM a fan of Prozac, but some of the adulatory stuff that 1 have read marking its tenth anniversary sticks in the craw. Prozac is an excellent drug because it works and - far more important, this - because the publicity around it has persuaded many extra thousands among the legions of the depressed to do something

about their misery.

For let us be clear about one thing: Prozac is a marketing success, not a scientific one. This is relevant to the current debate about rationing, Viagra, the price of drugs and whether the National Health Service as we know it is any longer affordable. Science can bring new drugs to the surgery, but only marketing can make them

Let me explain. For decades, depression, which causes enormous suffering and thousands of deaths (by suicide) every year, has been undertreated. So any development that encourages people to seek treatment must be a good thing. The arrival of the selective serotonin re-untake inhibitors (SSRIs) in the late Eighties, of which Prozac is the best known, was certainly a good thing.

These were antidepressants without (unpleasant) side effects. That was their unique selling point. They were no more effective at lifting depression than the tricyclics which preceded them, but they did it without causing the dry mouth, constipation and drowsiness that were frequent side effects of the older, dirtier, drugs.

the acceptability of antidepressant drugs. Prozac and its relatives were claimed to be the first "clean" anti-depressant - a mood brightener that did not leave you with a leathery tongue, a sluggish gut and cotton wool between your ears.

Except that they were not the first. That accolade belonged to the "new" tricyclics, such as lofepramine (brand name, Gamanil), developed in the Sixties and Seventies, which were refined, cleaned-up versions of the early tricyclics discovered in the Fifties.

Most of the research evidence on which Prozac has built its extraordinary worldwide success an estimated 35 million prescriptions have been written worldwide and global sales now

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bring its manufacturer Eli Lilley \$1.7bn dollars a year - is thus based on a little white lie, a sin of omission. It compared Prozac with the old tricyclics over which it has the significant advantages I have outlined. I know of no study which has demonstrated

similar advantages for Prozac or the other SSRIs over the new tricyclics such as lotepramine. other than in specific conditions such as obsessive compulsive

So why have the makers of losepramine not taken to the roof-tops to challenge Prozac's dominance of the market? Simple. It is out of patent so it belongs to nobody. No single company could expect to benefit

The significance of this is that Prozac costs the NHS twice as much as lofepramine at £20.77 for a month's supply compared with 59 84

Prescriptions for Prozac have risen from 365,000 in 1991 to more than 2.9 million in 1997, an eightfold increase. The question which Prozac supporters such as

Claire Rayner, chairman of the Patients Association, should be asking is not whether the drug brings worthwhile benefits (it certainly does) but whether the benefits it offers over and above those offered by rival drugs, if any, are worth the price differential of £10 per patient per month - or more than £100m

This puts the row over Viagra. a drug which has undisputed advantages over rival treatments, and spending on which was estimated to rise to between £50m and 100m a year even if every man who wanted it

got it on the NHS, in perspective.

It is the kind of issue that the new National Institute for Clinical Excellence will be examining when it starts work

But I don't enty Professor Sir Michael Rawlins and his team

Who could have predicted. when Prome received its beence in 1989, that it would become a household name across the world" Yet without the clout of the marketeers behind it, millions might have been denied the release from their misery

The story of Prozac demonstrates that there is more to health care than scientific proof of effectiveness and economic proof of value. Health care is about more than science and cost, but Sir Michael and his team will require the judgment of Solomon to ensure that the NHS is neither broken by excessive denuand nor weakened by unreasonable denial.

Brain food for babies

Breast-feeding may not be the only way to ensure good health and high IQ. By Roger Dobson

become something of a mantra for the modern mother But the links between breast-feeding and high socioeconomic status means there have always been suspicions that lifestyle factors, rather than what the babies are con- in reading and maths at 13, and suming, are implicated in the performed better in final exams heightened performance of breast-fed infants.

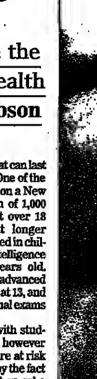
Now research on pa babies at the Institute of Child Health has demonstrated for the first time that good nutrition that it is the mother who in the early years can significantly influence mental ability in later life. The researchers looked not at the long-running breast-versus-bottle controversy but at premature babies who had been fed two different types of formula food. They found that those given enriched food were likely to develop more quickly than those who had been fed a regular formula food.

The hunt is now on to find what exactly is in breast milk

reast is best" has in life, with benefits that can last well into adulthood. One of the latest studies, based on a New Zealand examination of 1,000 children, carried out over 18 years, showed that longer breast-feeding resulted in children with a higher intelligence quotient at eight years old. They were also more advanced

But the problem with studies like these is that, how well designed, they are at risk of being confounded by the fact chooses how she will feed her baby. In an ideal study, mothers would be chosen at random and either breast- or bottle-feed their babies, to iron out any socio-economic bias, but that approach has never proved to be a realistic proposition. Over the past two or three

been the choice practised by mothers from a higher socioeconomic group than average, who tend to be better educated non-smokers, with higher inand enriched formula food that comes and living standards, and can give a baby a better start whose children have been born



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"There isn't one randomised trial comparing breast-feeding and formula feeding, and in the absence of that there is always going to be some doubt about the causes of the differences in performance," says Professor Alan Lucas, who led the latest research team at the University of London's Institute of Child Health.

In a previous study, he and

yet to a randomised study of term babies breast milk benefits by taking babies whose mothers had chosen not to breast-feed, and

allocating half of them to formula food and the remainder to human milk from a milk hank Because it was not biased by the mothers' choice, that study has provided the most compelling evidence yet that human milk may promote

In his latest research, published in the British Medical Journal, he and his team looked at 360 premature babies. and found that those who were fed standard formula milk. rather than a nutrient-enriched formula, had reduced verbal IO scores when they reached the age of seven or eight years.

Verbal IQs below 85 were found to be twice as common among children who had been fed the standard formula: the difference was especially marked among boys.

"What we are saying is that cognitive function may be impaired by sub-optimal neonatal nutrition. Our study was with premature babies, but there is evidence that nutrition may be important for long-term cognitive function in all groups of babies." says Prof Lucas.

The problem is that no one is really sure which of the many ingredients of both formula food and breast milk is responsible for the improved mental ability. It may be one component or several, or the result of an interaction between different constituents.

The enriched food given to the better-performing babies in the study by Prof Lucas contained extra amounts of almost all of the 36 listed ingredients that both preparations had, including protein, carbohydrate, zinc and folic acid, as well as vitamins, sodium, cop-

per and calcium. "We don't know what is responsible, but I would suggest that protein is important in pre-term babies, because they

are growing so rapidly. "Whether it applies to fullterm babies, we don't yet know." says Prof Lucas. A powerful lobby believes

orities support not adding longthat long-chain polyunsaturchain lipids as a food supplement. The Canadian posated fatty acids (LCPUFAs) ition is that the evidence for should take the credit, and in particular docosahexaenoic doing so is not there," he says. acid, or DHA, which is known "In Europe, it is a hotly deto be involved in the developbated issue, and some people feel very strongly that it should ment of the brain. Research by



difficult to give mothers advice at the moment, when the debate is still going on."

An added twist in the debate months than babies reared on

> making up their own minds. For Anabel Hands, who lives in Ascot, there was never any doubt that she would breastfeed her children: "I was aware of the research about the benefits," she says, "and so all three of my children have been breast-fed. My seven-year-old is way ahead in her class, with a reading age of about 11. The speech of my second, at twoand a half, is sturning, while my

third is a very alert baby. "It's not only intelligence that is affected; they are healthier too. I consciously decided to stop early with my first child, and I think that was social pressure. With my second, I had more confidence and was very late introducing her to solids. The difference in health be-

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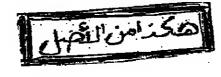
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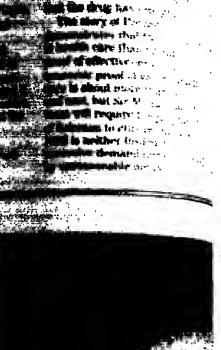


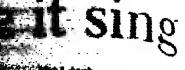
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Has this story got the right spin, Mr Blair?

Number 10 plans to bypass Fleet Street to present its own image of Government policy. By Andrew Grice ferences between the main parties

Downing Street yesterday for an interview with Tony Blair about his plans to bypass Fleet Street in order isters' travel expenses, comment to get his message over to the puband soap opera". lic, one wag at Number 10 quipped: Asked on Richard and Judy if his "I think we will bypass you on this decision to take part in the proone. But there's a good piece in Cos-

gramme was to bypass the "spin" mopolitan about it!" The jokes over, that papers put on what he said, the Downing Street man went on to Blair replied: "It is not a question of explain that press reports of Blair hypassing the newspapers because adopting a new media strategy to we deal through the newspapers the combat a Fleet Street obsessed whole time. I do think it is a good idea with trivia were rather overblown. for people in my position to try and As he spoke, however, the Prime communicate with people directly Minister was giving some credence and to try and talk about things that to the theory by appearing on ITV's really interest people in terms of poli-Richard and Judy Show. There cies and programmes of the Govwas a certain irony in Blair's hourernment. And sometimes you can do long appearance on "tabloid TV" the that in better ways than just the day after Downing Street criticised traditional ways."

For example, ministers have been advised to make greater use of

women's magazines and journals Oskar Lafontaine, the German aimed at the ethnic minorities. Downing Street's Strategic Communications Unit now has three fulltime staff dedicated to these two areas. There will be Commons statements by ministers in an attempt to reach the audiences who watch live TV and radio programmes, without

the "filter" of the national press. The seeds of the new strategy were planted in December when Blair was frustrated that newspapers were dominated by rows over Germany's demands for tax harmonisation in the EU. Downing Street spinmeisters were worried that the broadsheet newspapers were following the so-called "tabloid

Finance Minister, "the most dangerous man in Europe". Alastair Campbell, Blair's influ-

ential and trusted press secretary. told colleagues that this was an example of Westminster-based journalists coalescing around a "centre of gravity", which he says they do during any running story. This drowned out the Government's message on other issues, and Blair resolved to appeal "over the heads"

of the press to the people. But the Government's attempts to regain the initiative were shortlived. Its "Black Christmas" of resignations was followed by a spate of stories about the allegedly lavish lifestyle of ministers such as Jack

Cunningham, the Cabinet's enforcer, who took trips on Concorde. Campbell does not deny that the Mandelson affair was a "real story". But he is furious about the "Concorde" stories, complaining of little press attention to key elements of the Government's programme once there is no political controversy, citing the national minimum wage, the New

the working families tax credit. So Downing Street has urged ministers to promote such activities in new ways. Campbell was delighted with the coverage in regional newspapers last week after a briefing given by Blair and David Blunkett, the Education Secretary,

Deal programme for the jobless, and

"People believe what they read in their regional newspapers more than what they read in the national press," a Downing Street insider insisted yesterday. And so the other reason for the "new strategy": Campbell hopes that by making Fleet Street's behaviour an issue, it will be more inclined to cover "good news" government initiatives.

So is it just another attempt to soften up the media? To be fair. Campbell and co have a point about the "dumbing down" of political covonly newspaper with a page devoted to Parliament. Many newspapers are more interested in personalities than policies, though this is partly because there are so few policy dif-

As a former political editor of the Daily Mirror, Campbell knows bad news will usually drive out the good. The Tories have not yet discovered the art of opposition, and so the press is helping to fill the vacuum - a perfectly legitimate function in a democratic society. So the Government should not protest too much. As the next general election approaches. Labour will be courting Fleet Street just as assiduously as it did before the 1997 poll, when winning over The Sun was Campbell's greatest coup.

As Enoch Powell said, politicians who complain about the media are like sailors who moan about the sea. Even one Cabinet minister who is critical of the press's behaviour admitted: "Frankly; the politicians get the press they deserve, and vice versa. We are as bad as each other."

He has long been grooming Camilla to take her place at Charles's side. But just who is Mark Bolland? By Stuart Higgins

The man behind Operation Ritz

he royal spin surgeon Mark Bolland touched down at Heathrow just 24 hours before the curtain went up on the Charles and Camilla show, ready to weave his own stitch of magic into the historic day. Mr Bolland, deputy private secretary to the Prince of Wales, is the true architect of Operation Ritz, in which 15 seconds of blinding flashbulbs ended at least 12 years of ducking and diving.

Together in public at last, and mission impossible is mission accomplished, without as much as a hundred quid changing hands for the photo that the paparazzi had tagged as worth over time the next day headlines and editorials told a remarkable story of rehabilitation, tolerance and forgiveness, testimony to the triumph of the St James's Palace "spinformation" department. Reports in The Sun and The Mir-

ror were warm - the two newspapers together represent over 17 million readers, so their editorials sent powerful messages to the whole of Britain, actively encouraging and supporting Charles and Camilla. The Mirror's instant poll did show a 4-1 or 77 per cent vote against the "coming out" but an identical poll a year ago would have been running at 8-1 against. As far as St James's Palace is concerned, public opinion

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is heading in the right direction. Mr Bolland, former director of the Press Complaints Commission, had returned from Los Angeles to take personal control of Operation Ritz, and had privately assured his contacts at The Sun and Daily Mail by telephone that Thursday 28 January was T-Day, or Together Day.

His information, when supplied, is like a golden nugget falling from the sky for the hand-picked assortment of editors and reporters he chooses to entrust. Newspapers are more conscious than ever of keeping costs down but this little gem of knowledge was reliable enough to send the veteran royal photographers to seek out the best vantage spots in front of London's Ritz Hotel from Tuesday afternoon - probably the first time such an advance party has been launched since the heady days of Diana's public engagements. It was also a poignant reminder of her own last hours at the Paris Ritz.

Mr Bolland has been in charge of the "Camilla Factor" - as it was referred to in private Palace meetings - since before Diana died in the summer of 1997. He speaks to her every day and has introduced her to influential people such as Peter Mandelson, who she thinks is "absolutely charming and great company". In turn, Camilla has enormous respect for Mr Bolland, who has cun-



ningly and discreetly positioned the royal mistress under the Palace wing. But he has also been shrewd enough to close down areas of risk to her as she becomes more of a public figure. She is careful with her choice of friends and the nature of her conversation, although her earthy sense of humour is regarded as one of her finest attributes.

At one stage she stuck a cartoon on her fridge door which appeared in a newspaper at the time part of the ceiling fell in at Buckingham Palace. The cartoon depicts the Queen knighting a subject and looking up towards the debris; the caption reads something like: "Can you keep the noise down, Charles and Camilla?" It made Camilla and her house guests laugh out loud. Mr Bolland has also worked assiduously behind the scenes at win-

ing dining and briefing editors at The Sun, the Daily Mail and The Daily Telegraph, which he feels are key fields of influence for Camilla's safe and steady passage from relative obscurity and notoriety to controlled fame and understanding. He is never short of an invitation from a journalist who fancies his chances of picking up the crumbs of a story but Mr Bolland's agenda - on behalf of his master - is far greater and not necessarily in step with his crusty counterparts at Buckingham Palace.

Indeed, it is true the Queen did not know in advance any detail of the they will be seen together in public momentous events unfolding round more than three times this year. the corner from her London home.

The Queen was 'relieved' that the couple had made a public appearance together at last

Her most senior courtiers, such as private secretary Sir Robert Fellowes, have openly disapproved of the relationship and even encouraged the Prince to end it. Sir Robert is to be replaced next month by Sir Robin Janvrin who, with Mary Francis, is regarded as "more enlightened" on the Camilla issue. One senior aide said the Queen was "reheved" that the couple had made a public appearance together at last - but it has not changed her views on the matter which are private".

The actual "coming out" cere-mony had several "false starts", principally due to fears of a backlash over the suitability of the occasion. The Prince's advisers were auxious not to be seen to "hijack" a high-profile event and use it as a convenient vehicle for their public debut.

A first opportunity arose at a gala for Camilla's charity, the National idea was really to help build up

Osteoporosis Society, in late 1997. The invitation list had been sent out to politicians, celebrities and friends of the charity but the sudden death of the Princess of Wales made the event a non-starter and it was Camilla herself who instantly cancelled it.

Camilla will be taking an active public role in fund-raising events over the next three months as well as openly accompanying the Prince to the opera and his beloved theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon. There will be a holiday, which could even involve an organised photocall, similar to the "take your pictures and clear off" deals at Klosters but it is unlikely The two other occasions ruled out

as potential T-Days were a 50th birthday party event for Prince Charles at Hampton Court Palace and the wedding of Santa Palmer-Tomkinson - the daughter of Camilla's best friend Patti. After much consultation and soul-searching it was agreed Charles and Camilla's appearance would be perceived as insensitively upstaging the wedding day. There could be no royal occasion where it would happen because of the dignatories involved so Camilla, Charles, Mr Bolland and private secretary Stephen Lamport earmarked the 50th birthday of

Camilla's sister, Annabel Elliot. The event was considered "perfect" because Annabel ia a private person who does not chase publicity. She was "delighted" to be chosen as the vehicle, which will now ironically elevate her stature to the history books, simply because it was her bash that made the splash!

But the most important step in public debut came at a secret reception for the National Osteoporosis Society on 3 December at the south London home of Kip Forbes. a member of the Forbes publishing . company. It was hosted by Camilla. Kip and Jane Weinberger, the wife of the former American defence secretary Caspar Weinberger. "The



Camilla's inevitable drift towards a Mark Bolland, in charge of the 'Camilla factor' since before Diana's death

Camilla's confidence and reassure her," said one guest. The other motive was to allow Camilla to mix with a carefully chosen group of "media types" who could help bolster her nervous spirit. They included Sir David Frost and his wife, Lady Carina, the Daily Mail columnist Anne Leslie, the deputy editor

of The Sun, Rebekah Wade, and her now ex-partner, the EastEnders

It has been well documented that the historic event had to take place now so as not to overshadow the 19 June wedding of Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones. And if there is another royal wedding in 10 years'

best man, or perhaps he will be wait-Charles and Camilla tell Chris

Stuart Higgins was editor of The Sun' from 1994-1998. He is now a

leaders are both implicated in back-

ing the rebels - to allow journalists

A war in Africa provides opportunity for homegrown talent

Local journalists are providing most of the coverage of the crisis in Sierra Leone. By Alex Duval Smith

THE WAR in Sierra Leone has taken a heavy toll on journalists but in four weeks of fighting in the capital, Freetown, African correspondents have for the first time provided the most widely seen coverage of a major story on their own continent.

After the death on 10 January of Myles Tierney, a US producer for Associated Press Television News, and the shooting of his Canadian colleague, Ian Stewart, one French and one Spanish journalist were abducted last week by rebeis. The dangerous situation - in which at one point the BBC, which walks a tightrope in Sierra Leone, was being urged to broadcast a pro-rebel communique - has left many correspondents wary of travelling to the

small West African country. At least 3,000 people have died in the conflict, including an Indian nun escaping rebel capture and a Sierra Leonean radio journalist One BBC Africa Service stringer. of reports - by a crew sent in on a

Lansana Fofana, bas gone into hiding and two Sierra Leoneans working for local media, Jenne Cole and Mohammed Kamara, are reportedly

hostages of the rebels. Throughout the first three weeks of fighting, the only television pictures beamed around the world by the BBC, CNN and others were sent by two Reuters television journalists, Jeff Koinange and Clotaire Achi, respectively Kenyan and Ivoirian.

The Independent and other daily newspapers use photographs by Seyllou Diallo, 34, of Agence France Presse's main bureau in Senegal. Koinange, the producer, and Achi, the cameraman, who were in the same ill-fated convoy as Tierney and Stewart, said that they stayed on "to keep the story in the news, for

Myles's sake". Apart from a couple

lightning visit - BBC television used Koinange and Achi's footage, scripted and voiced in London, as is standard with agency material. The BBC World Service has a

strong presence in Sierra Leone. The Africa Service is the main source of information for soldiers of the Nigerian-led Ecomog - and almost certainly for the rebels, too. Along with his FN30 rifle, virtually every soldier has a small FM radio.

So when two journalists, Javier Espinosa of El Mundo, and Patrick Saint-Paul of Le Figuro, were abducted in eastern Freetown last Monday, their captors decided to make use of the BBC. They released Saint-Paul with the message that Espinosa would remain in their hands until BBC Focus on Africa reported that the rebels were not responsible for mutilating civilians and were in



Clotaire Achi, (left), and Jeff Koinange

control of Rukupa, where the jour- to that sort of pressure. In the nalists were abducted.

event, Patrick did not contact us. We learnt of the rebels' demand only Jeff Phillips, editor of news and current affairs at Bush House, said: when our Madrid bureau was

Seyllou Diallo

Freetown. He spent 13 days hiding from rebels in a ceiling in Kissy, in the east of the capital, before emerg-

ing briefly to file a report and then disappearing again. The Paris-based group Reporters Sans Frontières last week appealed

His whereabouts are not known.

BBC Africa Service stringers in

to work freely in Sierra Leone. story was published." Espinosa was African journalists take enormous released last Wednesday after the risks to report news for African-Spanish foreign office intervened. based media and radio organisations Last October, a former BBC such as the BBC World Service and World Service journalist, Hilton Radio France international. Fyel, was sentenced to death in Koinange and Achi, hased in Freetown for his role in backing the Abidjan, Ivory Coast, do not run the

same kinds of risks as stringers who military junta that controlled Sierra Leone from May 1997 to February live in the countries they report on 1998. On death row, he was released and live with the consequences of from jail by the rebels when they enwhat they report. But their triumph tered Freetown earlier this month. is that they have, in the last three weeks, broken through one of the Nor is that of Fofana, one of two "glass ceilings" of journalism.

When it comes to big stories for domestic audiences, most European and US-based news rooms prefer to "send" rather than use African talent. "I do not think the London news-room realises we are black." said Koinange. They will soon. He and Achi have been invited to bead office this week

"We would absolutely never respond flooded with calls after Patrick's to Liberia and Burkina Faso, whose

Emap's magazine guru Barry McIlheney is looking for another smash hit. By Mary Braid

Can he take the heat?

o magazine terms, today is D-Day for Barry McIlheney, 40, the Belfast-born managing director of Emap Metro. bome of the magazine giant Emap's "laddish" music and film titles. Heat, the much-hyped oew eotertainment weekly for twenty-and thirtysomethings, makes its first appearance oo newsstands after one of the longest gestation periods in Emap's history.

But six years after Heat became a twinkle in the eye of several Emap Metro executives - though it is regarded as primarily McIlheney's baby - the MD claims to be losing no sleep over its chances in a big, brutal world. He remains cool in the face of some gloomy predictions following the recent failure of a number of new magazines.

Sitting in his unexpectedly unglamorous office off London's Oxford Street, the big, rough-edged McIlheney - more bloke-down-thepub than smooth, big-time executive -admits that the market is "tougher than a year ago", but points out that Emap Metro has suffered less than most companies.

His confidence in Heat, however, almost certainly owes much to another factor - McIlhenev has had little personal experience of failure. Low-profile he may be, but it is Mc-Ilheney who has quietly engineered and presided over some of Emap's greatest success

Under his editorship, the pop nagazine Smash Hits saw its circulatioo rocket from 400,000 to 300,000. He went on to launch the righly successful film magazine Empire, and he was MD of Emap Vietro when the company acquired 'HM, a small-circulation, rag-trade nagazine, and transformed it into a new, "laddish" monthly with a cirulation of 700,000. Launched to compete with IPC's Loaded, it mocked its rival into a corner. In IcIlheney's four years at the helm. of Emap Metro, all titles with the exeption of Neon, which closed to nake way for Heat, have flourished. All this information is reeled off

it breakneck speed by the fast-talkng Irishman. "We have done the esearch and hired some of the est people in town," he says. "I'm wietly confident." He expects Heat, is first hands-on launch since 'mpire, to have lured 100,000 readrs by the summer.

The front covers of all Emap fetro's magazines are displayed ecrets of their success, he says, is passion for magazines. neir shared self-deprecating tone. traight from the humorous McII- but unremarkable given the editors good ideas.



McIlheney hopes Heat's non-anoraky mix of film and music, appealing to both sexes, will sell 100,000 a week

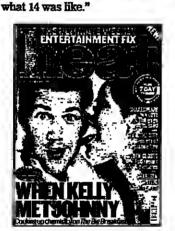
heney. He started in journalism as a student reviewer for Melody Maker. He jokes that the period is now remembered only for the smack in the mouth he received from Kevin Rowlands of Dexy's Midnight Runners, irate over something he wrote.

He admits that the switch from Melody Maker journalist – music bible of the truly purist - to editor of Emap Metro's teeny-bopping, trashy Smash Hits might have been too great a moral leap for many. "But then I was always a hit poppy," he says wryly: "...to the right of Melody Maker..." What the move showed, of course, was that McIlheney was as interested in the business of magazines as the writing of them.

He plays down his influence on the huge rise in Smash Hits' circulation after he took over. "There was a bit of the luck of the Irish," he says. arguing that Smash Hits' success owed much to the changes taking place in pop music then. But those who watched McIlheney's rise say that it was the first sign of formidroudly above his desk. One of the able talent, and an all-consuming

He was 26 when he took over at

who followed. Mark Frith, who is also involved in the Heat launch, was just 23 when he became the boss at Smosh Hits, "You can't appoint a 14vear-old to edit Smash Hits - though the thought has crossed our minds," says McIlheney. "So you need someone who can still remember



McIlheney believes he was lucky to find a company that nurtures talent - where enthusiasts, not driedup accountants, invent and shape titles - and the board operates like is a tone that might have come Smash Hits. That was precocious, a "benevolent bank", eager to back

At Emap, be says, market research is important, but the idea is the starting-point for a new magazine. "Eman is the kind of company that doesn't care if you are young or old, as long as you are good." While Emap has a "cradle-to-

grave" approach to magazine publishing - with titles targeted at every age group from 10 to 70 - the average age of staff at Eman Metro is terrifyingly young. Does that worry McIlheney, now that he has reached the hideously advanced age of 40? He uses the word "groovy", for instance, but, unlike most of his staff, must remember it from first time round. "It is nice to be here," he says, "for the ironic second take." He warms to the theme. One minute, he says, you are at the staff party strutting your funky stuff; the next, you are the "avuncular figure" being pulled on to the floor by the girls from the typing pool.

But he seems to have no real fear of being put out to grass. McIlhency plans to see Heat established in the market-place, then Emap is moving him to a position of comparable seniority in Paris.

Gone are the days when Emap could offer ambitious staff only the summer, or will Heat, as some prechoice of "London, Peterborough or dict, be his first taste of failure?

Kettering". In the last five years, it has become an international company, with titles in Australia, France and the US.

So what can we expect from McIlheney in Paris? More acquisitions and launches of the entertainment and male titles that have become his trademark, he says. Will laddishness survive a Channel crossing? He believes that "10 pints and a curry, and hunting in packs" will always be around in Britain, but he is not sure it will translate directly to France. It may be, of course, that Frenchmen are more highly evolved than their British counterparts? That's the trouble with women over 30, says McIlheney: they just don't get laddish irony. But there will be nothing laddish

about Heat, which must win over men and women. McIlheney believes there is a gap in the market for a magazine that covers both music and film. In the late Nineties, he says, specialist knowledge in just one area is judged "anoraky". The only question now, he says,

is: will 100,000 a week go out and huy it? Will it allow McIlheney to board the train for Paris a happy man this

THE WORD ON THE STREET

DESPITE ITS egalitarian pretensions, The Guardian seems to take the same attitude to small competitors as the Murdoch empire. Both The Guardian's

education section and the Times Educational Supplement have refused to run an advert from Teaching Today, a new website carrying daily education news.

The TES had to run a filler last Friday when the ad was pulled at the last minute, while The Guardian's sales team confessed the decision to refuse Teaching Today's ad had come from the very top of

the paper.

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DAVID MONTGOMERY'S departure from Mirror Group may bave come too late to save the career of one of his great rivals. German husiness magazines were forecasting last week that Gus Fischer would have to step down as chairman of Axel Springer Verlag because of his failure to take-over Mirror Group last year. It seems a harsh ounishment for the ex-News International boss.

If every executive who had failed to take out Monty was given his cards there would only be Victor Blank left in the

JOURNALIST ANDREW Jennings should be feeling pretty good this week. Mr Jennings was the author of a 1992 book, The Lords of the Rings: Power, Money and Drugs in the Modern Olympics, which made all the allegations that the IOC "discovered" last week when it expelled six members for corruption. The IOC has even said it will at last give Mr Jennings accreditation to Olympic events and press

Out of pique it has refused to do so for years. Not only that but Olympic president Juan Samaranch sued him for libel in 1992 and Mr Jennings was sentenced to a five-day prison sentence in his absence by a court in Lausanne.

But an apology is the best Mr Jennings is likely to get.



conveniently immune from legal actions so he cannot suc them back.

IT IS often limented by the left. of-centre press that a left-ofcentre government has done nothing for the circulation of a magazine like the New Statesman, Well sales may not be affected by changing governments, but advertising revenue certainly is The current issue of the NS contains a mysterious-looking advert from a company called Wizard. Under the laumer "Making joint military operations a success" is a picture that looks suspiciously like a reconnaissance picture of military targets. Hardly fitting for the NS's lefty readership you might have thought. But you would be wrong. Wizard is a radar system backed by defence contractors British Aerospace and Northrop. among others, and it is pitching for a juicy new government contract. If only one backbench Labour MP spots the ad and mentions it to a defence procurement minister it will be money well spent.

THE SUNDAY Telegraph leader this Sunday lamented that newspapers had allowed themselves to be dominated by the musings of Glenn Hoddle on reincarnation. His views, pontificated the paper, were "not as preposterous and offensive as the spectacle of people treating them as being of great importance".

Can this be the same Sunday Telegraph which carried a front-page story on Hoddle, a p21 full-page news focus on the England coach's strange beliefs and a sportspage editorial accusing him of having lost the last shred of credibility? How prepostcrous

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NEW FILMS SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE (15)

Director: Guy Madden Starring: Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes See The Independent Recommends, right. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Empire Leicester Square, Notting Hill Coronet, Odeon Comden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, Screen on the Green, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road,

Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

STEPMOM (12)

Director: Chris Columbus Starring: Susan Sarandon, Julia Roberts

Notebooks out for your authentic Mom Movie recipe. Lay a pastry of wisecracks, add tears and shrink wrapped life lessons, then ice it all off with a dedication to the director's own "mom". Stepmom skimps on nothing. This sugar-glazed, oven-ready affair casts an out-of-sorts Susan Sarandon as a middle-aged matriarch squabbling over her offspring with the new model mom (Julia Roberts) that hubby Ed Harris has hooked up with. The first mom gets poorly and laughter turns to tears (or at least weary resignation). Sad but true, mothers die too. Didn't your mom teach you anything?

West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

TWO GIRLS AND A GUY (15) Director: James Toback

Starring: Robert Downey Jr, Heather Graham James Toback's taut ménage à trois drama prowis edgily around its lone loft-space location

and probes aggressively at the psychological make-up of its three central characters. Heather Graham and Natasha Gregson Warner are the duped girlfriends of Robert Downey Jr's love-rat prima donna, and Two Girls and a Guy gives them plenty of room to move and breathe, turning the resulting yarn into a pungent acting showcase. Toback's picture is essentially filmed theatre, and struggles to sustain itself throughout a feature-length running time. That said, the vibrant writing and moody atmospherics cast a considerable spell. West End: Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Hay-

market. Local: Warner Village Finchley Road

VERY BAD THINGS (18)

Director: Peter Berg Starring: Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz A bunch of stag-weekenders accidentally kill a Las

Vegas whore, intentionally murder the security guard who rumbles the crime, then start coming apart at the seams on their arrival home. Peter Berg's debut serves up swaggering gross-out comedy in a Loaded magazine style, but it's finally a film with nowhere to go save from shrill to shriller to shrillest. More crucially, you're never quite sure whether Berg is satirising his rapacious white males or merely indulging them in their thirtysomething kicks. Virtuoso nastiness, plus some full-throttle acting from Daniel Stern (as the gang's most guilt-ridden member) and Cameron Diaz (a ball-breaking fiancée) lend the mess a certain shameful allure. West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Plaza, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Virgin Trocadera, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

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THE INDEPENDENT RECOMMENDS

THE FIVE BEST FILMS

The Opposite of Sex (18) Christina Ricci (right) plays 16-year-old bitch-

on-wheels Dedee, causing havoc when she moves in with her brother (Martin Donovan)

π (15)

Darren Aronofsky's début, filmed in sooty blackand white, tells the story of a genius mathematician. This stylish indie movie fearlessly combines Wall Street. Jewish mysticism and nightmarish headaches.

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The Dream Life of Angels (18) Erick Zonca's remarkable debut draws its strength from the cootrasting personalities of Isa (Elotic Bouchez) and Marie (Natacha Regnier). whose friendship comes alive in Lille.

The Truman Show (PG) Peter Weir's ingenious, unsending fantasy is, in the end, an escape movie - in the case of Truman

Burbank (Jim Carrey), it's breaking out of the round-the-clock TV docu-soap that is his own life.

ANTHONY QUINN

THE FIVE BEST PLAYS

The Colour of Justice (Tricycle Theatre)

Potent re-enactment of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, coinciding with the furore surrounding the fale of the policemen involved in the case. To 6 Feb

The Street of Crocodiles (Queen's Theatre)

Triumphant revival of Theatre de Complicite's surreal and searing plunge into the imagination of Polish-Jewish writer Brune Schulz. To 20 Feb

Oklahoma! (Lyceum Theatre) Widely regarded as the best ever, Trevor Nunn's giorious production of the Rogers and Hammerstein classic fully deserves its West End transfer. To 26 Jun

The Winter's Tale (RSC, Stratford) An amazingly rich and complex performance from Aniony Sher io Gregory Doran's Romanovstyle production. In rep to 4 Mar

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etchings of Jacques Callet. Goya (right) and Otto Dix.

Visions from the blackest of times, To 20 Mar

Willie Doherty (MoMA, Oxford) "Somewhere Else": a nervy, multi-screen video installation by this leading Irish artist, reflects on

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GENERAL RELEASE

THE ACID HOUSE (18)

A trio of interrelated shorts culled from the stories of Irvine Welsh, Less poised and populist than Trainspotting, but more edgy and intense, too. West End: Odeon Camden Toton

BULWORTH (181

Dog-tired and disillusioned at the end of a campaign, senator Jay Bulworth (Warren Beatty) turns suicidal loose cannon, lifting the lid on US politics, hanging out in the 'hood and delivering his speeches in abrasive rap stylings. > Frude and condescending on occasion, yet genuinely audacious and committed, too.

West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Odeon Kensington, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea, Virgin Haymarket, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

CLASS TRIP (LA CLASSE DE NEIGE) (1,5) This pungent child's-eye psycho-drama switches nervously between stark naturalism and florid dream sequences.

West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue Repertory: Cine Luniere

THE DREAM LIFE OF ANGELS (18) See The Independent Recommends, above.

West End: ABC Swiss Centre

ELIZABETH (15)

Shekhar Kapur's story of a woman struggling to gain purchase in a male world largely neglects the opportunities for fun in a story of independence triumphing over cruelty.

West End: ABC Panton Street, Curzon Minema, Odeon Mezzanine Repertory: The Lux Cinema, "Vational Film Theatre, Phoenix Cinema, Riverside Studios Cinema

ENEMY OF THE STATE (15) Will Smith's fall-guy DA teams up with Gene Hackman's pensioned-off Pentagon warhorse in this big, noisy and effectively claustrophobic conspiracy thriller.

West End: Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Morble Arch, Odeon Mezzanine, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

Mark Christopher's retro-trip through the heyday of New York's Studio 54 boasts 8 glitterball turn from Mike Myers (as club-boss Steve Rubell) but not a whole lot else. This is a garbled, underdeveloped run-through of dance-floor chic as Ryan Phillippe's colourless busboy falls in with the beautiful folk and learns the downside of life in the fast lane. Tatty stuff, all told.

West End: Odeon Camden Town, Virgin Haymarket. Warner Village West End. Local: Dagenham Worner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley 1 12, UCI Surrey Quays

HANA-BI (18)

Violent yet elegiac portrait of a brutal Japanese policeman pushed over the edge. Its dreamlike style makes it strangely moving. Local: Beckenham Studio, Greenwich Cinema

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains Anand Tucker's wartsand-all hiopic of the Du Pre sisters Hilary (shy married flautist) and Jacqueline (worldfamous cellist). Sibling rivalries, a ménage à trois and terminal illness are all carefully navigated by Tucker's finely-wrought direction, though it's as an acting showcase that the

film really hits home. West End: Barbican Screen, Chelsea Cinema, Clapham Picture House. Curzon Mayfair, Curzon Soho. Gate Notting Hill. Odeon Kensington. 'dem Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritay Cinema. 1; ven on the Hill. And local cinemas

TITLE VOICE (15)

toled up in her room, Jane Horrocks perfects shirley Bassey/Judy Garland impersonations. Bracing black comedy, Horrocks's vocal protechnics, plus a marvellously weighted urn from Michael Caine succeed in pushing it brough to the final curtain.

Nest End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odean Swiss Cottage, Odean West and, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Thelsea, Virgin Pulham Road Repertory: Phoenix -mema. And local cinemas

THE MASK OF ZORRO (PG)

This gandy swashbuckler gallops full-speed through 19th-century California in the company of Antonio Banderas's authentically Hispanic do-gooder.

West End: Odeon Mezzanine, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

MEET JOE BLACK (12)

Picking his way through Martin Brest's underdeveloped rehaul of Death Takes a Holiday goes Brad Pitt's aquiline Grim Reaper, who gets chaperoned round the everyday delights of planet Earth by Anthony Hopkins' dying billionaire. The film has a few neat themes and a reliably solid turn from Hopkins, but it is too much a picture of disparate pieces.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

MY HAME IS JOE (15)

Ken Loach's solid social-realist drama tells the tale of Joe (Peter Mullan), a recovering alcoholic torn between his old life (drugs, crime) and his new (a romance with Louise Goodall's middleclass health visitor). My Name is Joe brilliantly spotlights the groping hopes and thwarted ambitions of a Britain caught below the poverty line. West End: ABC Panton Street Local: Bealeyheath Cineworld Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX (18) See The Independent Recommends, above.

West End: Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCf Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Warner Village West End. Local: Croydon Viarner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12. Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Warner Village Finchley Road, UCI Surrey Quays

THE PARENT TRAP (PG)

The Porent Trop catches Disney cannibalising its own back catalogue, re-heating its 1961 Hayley Mills heart-warmer into a spry, cross-cultura caper starring Lindsay Lohan as the separatedat-birth twin sisters (one British, one American) determined to get their parents (Natasha Richardson, Dennis Quaid) back together. West End: UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. Local:

Acton Park Royal Warner Village, Barnet Odeon. Beckenham ABC, Bexleyheath Cineworld, Bromley Odeon, Croydon Fairfield Halls, Croydon Warner Village, Dagenham Warner Village, Edmonton Lee Valley UCI 12, Feltham Cineworld the Movies, Warner Village North Finchley, Warner Village Finchley Road. Greenwich Cinema, Hampstead ABC, Holloway Odeon, Ilford Odeon, Kingston ABC Options, Peckham Premier, Putney ABC, Staples Corner Virgin, Streatham Odeon, New Stratford Picture House, Sutton UCI 6, UCI Surrey Quays, Wimbledon Odeon, Woodford ABC

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See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: ABC Tottenham Court Road, Curzon Soho, Repertory: Phoenix Cinema

PRACTICAL MAGIC (12)

Essentially a sibling soap-opera with a dash of mumbo-jumbo, Practical Magic sees Sandra Bullock and Nicole Kidman cast as two mismatched sisters raised from a line of witches and hexing any unlucky man who swings into their orbit. The canny star-pairing is soon spoilt by the film's turnoil of undigested influences. West End: ABC Ponton Street, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U)

In planning his cartoon life of Moses, DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg envisaged it "painted by Claude Monet and photographed by David Lean". The end result ends up looking more like The Ten Commandments by way of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat.

West End: Empire Leicester Square, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road, Virgin Trocadero. And local cinemas

THE TRUMAN SHOW (PG) See The Independent Recommends, above. West End: Plaza, Ritzy Cinema

ABC PANTON STREET ABC PANTON STREET
(0870-902 0404) Piccadilly
Cross Elizabeth 2.10pm, S.10pm,
8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two
Smoking Barrels 1.10pm,
3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm My
Name is Joe 1.20pm, 3.45pm,
6.20pm, 8.40pm Practical Magic
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CINEMA

WEST END

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-287 4322 (from 1pm) & Piccadilly Cross Hamam: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm. 3.50pm, 6.10pm. 8.35pm There's Something About Mary 1.05pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.25pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE
(0870-902 0402) Leicester
Square/Tottenham Court Road
Class Trip 1.05pm, 3.30pm.
6.10pm, 8.30pm Texas Chainsaw
Massacre 1.35pm, 3.55pm
6.35pm, 8,55pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE (0870-902 0403) • Ler Square/Piccadilly Circus Italo 66 1.15pm, 3.50pm 15pm, B.40pm Un Hr in et une Femme 2.15pm, 4.20pm, 6.45pm, 8.55pm On Connait Ia Chanson 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 8.40pm La Vie Revée 6.10pm, 3.45pm, 8.45pm

ABC TOTTENHAM COURT (0870-902 0414) & Tottenham (0670-902 0414) 9 1002mam Court Road Little Volce 1.25pm, 3.55pm, 7pm, 9.40pm x (PI) 1.20pm, 3.25pm, 5.25pm, 7.30pm, 9.35pm Shakespeare in

9.20pm BARBICAN SCREEN (0171-638 8891) & Barbican Hillary and Jackle 6pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare in Love 6pm,

Love 1.05pm, 4.05pm, 6.45pm,

8.40pm CHELSEA CINEMA (0171-351 3742) ⊕ Sloane Square Hilary and Jackie 1.10pm. 3.40pm. 6.10pm, B.40pm

CLAPHAM PICTURE HOUSE (0171-498 3323) ◆ Clapham Common Bulworth 2.45pm, 5pm, Jackle 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Shakespeare in Love 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm,

CURZON MAYFAIR
(0171-369 1720) & Green Park
Hillary and Jackie Ipm, 3,30pm,

9.15pm

CURZON MINEMA (0171-369 1723) & Hyde Park Corner/Knightsbridge 3pm, 6.30pm, 8.50pm

CURZON SOHO (0171-734 2255 (12noon-5pm)) Leicester Square/fortenham
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Jackle Ipm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm,
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5.45pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm

EMPIRE LEICESTER SQUARE (0990-888990) & Leicester Square Meet Joe Black 12noon, 3.40pm, 7.20pm The Prince of Egypt 3.15pm, 6pm, 8pm Shakespeare in Love 12.15pm, 3pm, 5.50pm, 8.45pm

GATE NOTTING HILL (0171-727 4043) ↔ Notting Hill Gate Hilary and Jackie 3.35pm, 6.20pm, 8.50pm

HAMMERSMITH VIRGIN (0870-907 0718) + Ravenscourt Park/Hammersmith Little Voice 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9pm Practical Magic 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Shakespeare in

Love 12.50pm, 3.40pm, 6.20pm.

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9.10pm Stepmom 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm METRO (0171-734 1505) ♥ Piccadilly Circus/Leicester Square The Apple (Sib) 3pm. 5pm, 7pm, Dobermann 2pm. 4. 4.15pm. 6.30pm, 8.45pm

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Magic 1.25pm, 3.55pm, 6.30pm,
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ODEON WEST END (08705-050007) & Square Little Voice Leicester 1.55pm 4.10pm, 6.20pm, Stepmom 12.10pm, 2.55pm 5.40pm, 8.30pm

PEPSI MAX CINEMA (0171-494 4153) → Piccadilly Circus Everest 9.05pm L5 (IMAX) 2.40pm, 4,45pm, 7pm T-Rex; Back to the Cretaceous (3-D) 1.35pm. 3.40pm, 5,45pm, 8pm, 10.05pm

O990-888990) → Piccadilly Circus Babe: Pig In the City 12.40pm Saving Private Ryan 3pm, 7.30pm Star Irek: Insurrection 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 5pm, 8.20pm The Truman Show 1pm, 3.15pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9pm

RENOIR (0171-837 8402) & Russell Square The Apple (58) 1pm, 2.55pm, 4.50pm, 5.45pm, 8.45pm Hilary and Jackle 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6,10pm, 8,40pm

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SCREEN ON BAKER STREET (0171-935 2772) → Baker 5treet The Opposite of Sex 2.40pm, n, 7pm, 9.10pm speare in Love 3.10pm, 6,25pm, 9pm

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VIRGIN CHELSEA (0870-907 0710) → Sloane Square Bulworth 1pm, 3.30pm, 5.15pm, 9.15pm Little Veice 12.45pm, 2.45pm, 4.45pm, 6.45pm The Siege 8.50pm Stepmom 12.45pm, 3.30pm, 6.15pm, 9pm Very Bad Things 1pm, 3.45pm. брт. 8.30pm

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6.20pm, 8.55pm VIRGIN TROCADERO
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Circus Enemy of the State
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WARNER VILLAGE WEST END (0171-437 4343) ⊕ Leicester Square 54 9.20pm Buhworth 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.20pm, 9pm The Mask of Zorro 12.30pm, 3.20pm, 6.30pm The Opposite of Sec 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.50pm A Perfect Murder 1.30pm, tt Murder 6,50pm, 1.30pm, 9.25pm 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.25pm, Practical Magic 12noon, 12.50pm, 2.50pm, 3.40pm, 5.40pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm, 9.20pm (+ Short: Eight) Rush Hour 12.40pm, 3.20pm, 6pm, 8.40pm Very Bad Things 11.50am, 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 70pm, 9.30pm, Miller Dropers, March 7pm, 9.30pm What Dreams May Come 6.35pm, 9.10pm.

> **CINEMA** LONDON LOCALS

PARK ROYAL WARNER VILLAGE (0181-896 0066) ◆ Park Royal But-worth 9.05pm Enemy of the State 1.35pm, 4.20pm, 7pm, 9.50pm Little Voice 2.10pm, 4,30pm, 6.50pm, 9.15pm Meet Joe Black 6.50pm, 9.15pm Meet Joe Black 1.10pm, 4.50pm, 8.30pm Practical Maglc Ipm, 3.40pm, 6.10pm, 8.40pm Shakespeare In Love 12,30pm, 3.10pm, 6pm, 8.55pm The Siege 2pm, 4.40pm, 7.20pm, 10pm Star Trek: Insurrection 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm Seepmon 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.30pm Very Bad Things 2.10pm, 4.30pm, 7.10pm, 9.40pm

ODEON (08705 050007) High Barnet Little Voice 1.15pm. 3.45pm. 7pm. 9pm Practical Mag-ic 1pm. 3.35pm. 6.15pm. 8.30pm Shakespeare in Love 12,45pm, 3,25pm, 6,10pm, 8,40pm Stepmon 1pm, 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Very Bad Things 12,50pm, 3.30pm, 6.45pm, 8.50pm

BECKENHAM ABC (0870 9020412) BR: Becken-ham Junction Enemy of the State 2.15pm, 8.20pm The Governess 11.20am, 5.50pm Practical Magic 1.45pm, 4.05pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm speare in Love 2.10pm

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BEXLEYHEATH CINEWORLD (0181-303 1550) BR: Bedeyheath AA AB Laut Chalain 12noon, 6pm Bulworth 3.30pm, 9.15pm Enemy of the State 1.30pm, 4.10pm, 6.50pm, 9.30pm Lttle Voice 12.10pm, 2.30pm, 4.50pm. 7.05pm. 9.25pm The Mask of Zorro 2.45pm. 6pm Meet Joe Black 12.45pm, 7.45pm Practical Magic 12.35pm, 2.50pm, 5.10pm, 7.30pm, 9.50pm 2.30pm, 3.10pm, 7.30pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 1pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.20pm The Slege 12.10pm, 8.45pm Stepmom 1.20pm, 4pm, 6.45pm, 9.35pm Very Bad Things 12.40pm, 3pm, 5.15pm, 7.35pm, 9.55pm

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CATFORD ABC (0181-698 3306) BR: Carford Practical Magic 3,45pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 2.30pm, 6pm, 8.40pm

CROYDON CLOCKTOWER (0181-253 1030) BR: West/East Croydon Dancing At Lughnasa 8.35pm The Land Girls 6.15pm Left Luggage 4pm

SAFARI (0181-688 3422) BR: West Croydon Hum Aapke Dil Mein Re-hte Hain phone for times Hu Tu Tu phone for times Meet Joe Black 5,30pm, 8,40pm The Siege 5,40pm, 8,15pm

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DAGENHAM WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592 WARNER VILLAGE (0181-592 2020) & Dagenham Heathway 54 10pm Bufworth 7.20pm Enemy of The State 1.30pm, 4pm, 6,50pm, 9,40pm Little Voice 2,10pm, 4.20pm, 6.30pm, 8.40pm Meet Joe Black 2pm, 5.30pm, 9,10pm Practical Magic 2pm, 4.30pm, 7pm, 9.30pm Shakespeare in Love 1.30pm, 4pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm The Slege 5pm, 9.50pm Star Trek: Insurrection 3pm, 5.20pm, 7.40pm Stepmom 1.30pm, 3.55pm, 6.25pm, 8.55pm Very Bad Things 2.20pm, 4.30pm, 6.40pm, 9pm

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FINCHLEY ROAD WARNER VILLAGE (0171-604 3110) & Finchley Road Bulworth 1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.50pm, 9.40pm Enemy of the State 4.30pm, 9.50pm Little Voice 11.30am, 2pm, 7.30pm The Opposite of Sex 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.40pm, 4pm Practical Magic 1pm, 3.50pm, 6.30pm,

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HAMMERSMITH

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THE TRICYCLE CINEMA (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn Bulworth 6.30pm. 8.45pm KINGSTON UPON THAMES ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409)

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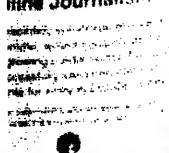
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SIDCLIP ABC (0541-555131) BR: Sidcup Littie Voice 6.15pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 6pm, 8.40pm

STAPLES CORNER VIRGIN (0670-9070717) BR: Cricklewood Enemy Of the State 1 pm, 3.40pm, 6.25pm, 9.10pm Little Voke 2.30pm, 4.45pm, 7pm Practical Magic 1.30pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 9.10pm Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 5.50pm, 8.50pm The Slege 9.20pm Stepmom I pm, 3.45pm, 6.30pm, 9.15pm Very Bad Things 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.40pm,

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NEW STRATEGED PICTURE HOUSE (0181-555 3366) BR/O Stratford East Bulworth 6,50pm Fractical Magic 2pm, 4.15pm, 6.35pm, 9pm Shakespeare in Love 12.55pm, 3.25pm, 6pm, 8.30pm Stepmom 1pm, 3.35pm, 6.10pm, 8.45pm Very Bad Things 1.30pm, 4pm. 9.10pm

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TURNPIKE LANE CORONET (0181-888 2519) O Turnpike Lana Bulworth 3.45pm, 6pm, 8.35pm The Siege 3.35pm, 3.55pm, 6.15pm, 8.45pm

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WALTON ON THAMES THE SCREEN AT WALTON (01932-252825) BR: Walton on Tharnes Shakespeare in Love 3.10pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Stepmom 2.50pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm

WELL HALL CORONET (0181-850 3351) 8R: Eltham Meet Joe Black 3.45pm, 7.25pm Shakespeare in Love 3.30pm, 6pm, 8.30pm

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WOOLWICH CORONET (0181-854 5043) BR: Woolwich Arsenal Little Voice 4.15pm, 6.25pm, 8.45pm Practical

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CINEMA

CINE LUMIERE Queensberry Place, SW7 (0171-838 2144/2146) Classe

de Neige (Class Trip) (NC) 6.30pm A La Campagne (NC) 8.30pm

ICA CINEMA The Mail, SW1 (0171-930 3647) Puta Miseria (NC) 5pm. 9pm La Rubia del Bar (NC) 7pm The Polygraph (NC) 8.30pm

NFT South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 NFT South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 3232) Elizabeth (15) 2.30pm Like a Bird on a Wire/Germany in Autumn: Fassbinder (NC) 6.15pm Scaramouche (NC) 6.30pm OSS, Spycatcher and Espionage: Television (NC) 7.30pm Mother Kusters Goes to Heaven: Fassbinder (NC) 8.30pm Tranceformer: a Portrait of Lars Von Trier (NC) 8.45pm (+ Short)

PHOENIX High Road, N2 (0181-444 6789) Little Voice (15) 2.15pm, 6.45pm x (Pi) (15) 4.30pm, 9pm

PRINCE CHARLES Leicester Place, WC2 (0171-4378181] Henry Fool (18) 1pm Snake Eyes (15] 4pm Lethal Weapon 4 (15) 6.15pm The Wedding 5 inger (12) 9pm

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS Crisp Road, W6 (0171-420 0100) Kolya (Kol-|a| (12) 6.45pm + II Postino

WATERMANS ARTS CENTRE High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (0181-568 1176) On Connait Ia Chanson (PG) 4.45pm, 9pm My Name is Joe (15) 7pm BRIGHTON

DUKE OF YORK'S (01273-602503) Two Girls and a Guy (18) 2.30pm, 6.45pm. Wed 6.45pm The Oppo-site of Sex (18) 4.30pm, 8.45pm

CUBE (0114-907 4191) Year of the Horse (15) 8.30pm WATERSHED (0117-925 3845) Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (18) 6pm Mandragora (NC) 6.05pm Fire (15] 8.30pm a (PI) (15) 8.40pm.

ARTS (01223-504444) The Op site of Sex (18) 1.15pm, 9.30pm x (PI) (15) 3.30pm, 7.30pm The Battleship Potemkin (PG) 5pm

CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE (01222-

399666) Butworth (18) 7.30pm Lit-tle Voice (15) 8pm CHICHESTER NEW PARK FILM CENTRE (01243-786650) Little Voice (15) 2.15pm, 6.45pm Rush Hour (15) 4,30pm

Funny Games (18) 9pm

CINEMA CITY (01603-622047) Rien Ne Va Plus (15) 2.30pm, 5.45pm A Soldier's Daughter Newer Cries (15) 8.15pm

> **CINEMA** COUNTRYWIDE

ABC CINEMA (01225-461730); speare in Love (15)

LITTLE THEATRE (01225-466822); Babe: Pig in the City (U); Bulworth (18); Little Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG)

ROBINS CINEMA (01225-461506); Practical Magic (12); Stepmon (12); The Swan Princess (U); Two Girls and a Guy (18)

WARNER VILLAGE (01223-460442); Antz [PG]; Babe: Fig in the City (U); Bulworth (18); Enemy of the State (15); Little Voice my of the State (15); Little Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Rush Hour (15); Shakespeare in Love (15); Small Soldlers (PG); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12); Very Bad Things (18)

ODEON (08705-050007); Antz (PG); Dr Dolittle (PG); Enemy of the State (15); The Exercist (25th Anniversary Rerelease) (18); Lit-tle Voice (15); The Mask of Zerro (PG); Meet Joe Black (12); Mulan (IV); The Parent Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (IV): Psycho (15); Rush Hour (15); Shakespeare in Love (15); Small Soldiers (PG): Star Trek: In-

SILVER 5CREEN (01304-228000): Babe: Pig in the Cky (U); The Prince of Egypt (U); The Siege (15)

ABC(01432-272554): Little Voice (15); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG) THE COURTYARD (01432-359252): The Last Days of Disco (15)

VIRGIN CINEMA (0870-9070748);
Antz (PG); Babe: Pig in the City (U);
Enemy of the State (15]; Little
Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG);
Meet Joe Black (12]; The Parent
Trap (PG); Practical Magic (12); The
Prince of Egypt (U): Shakespeare
in Love (15); The Slege (15); The
Soldier (Asian Film) (15); Star Telci
Insurrection (PG); Stepmom (12);
Very Bad Things (18); Who Framed
Roger Rabble? (PG) VIRGIN CINEMA (0870-9070748):

MAIDSTONE ABC CINEMA (0870-9020405]; Little Voice (15]; Meet Joe Black (12); The Parent Trap (PG); The Prince of Egypt (U); Shakespeare

ODEON LOCHMEADOW (08705 050007); Antz (PG); Dr Dolittle (PG); Enemy of the State (15); Lit-tle Voice (15); The Mask of Zorro (PG): Met Joe Black (12): Mulan (U): Practical Magic (12): The Prince of Egypt (U): Shakespeare in Love (15): Small Soldiers (PG): Star Trek: Insurrection (PG): Stepmon (12): Velvet Goldmine (18): Many Carl Triene (19)

ABC GEORGE STREET (0541 550501); Enemy of the State (15); Meet Joe Black (12); Mular (15); Meet Joe Black (14); Massi-(U); The Parent Trap (PG); Practi-cal Magic (12); The Prince of Egypt (U); Star Trek: Insurrection (PG); Very Bad Things (18)

ABC MAGDALEN STREET (0541-550509]; Antz (PG); Shakesp

PHOENIX PICTURE HOUSE (01865-554909); The Blue Kite (15]; Bulworth (18); Cyclo (18); Double Indernalcy (PG); Eraserhead (18); Hana-Bl (18); a (PI) (15); Ponette (15); Primary Colors (15); The Secret Garden (U); Stoom (18); Sanka House (18); A Maria (18); Snake Eyes (15); A World Apart

ULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE (01865-245288): The Charge of the Light Brigade (NC); The Exorcist II - the Heretic [18]; Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels (18); My Name is Joe (15); The Truman THEATRE WEST END

Ticket availability details are for today, times and prices for the week; running times include intervals.
— Seats at all prices 1 — Seats at some prices O — Returns only Matinees — [1(: 5un, [3]: Tue, (4): Wed, [5]: Thur, [6]: Fri, [7]: Sat

) ALARMS AND EXCURSIONS Michael Frayn's new comedy about a dinner party which is interrupted by mysterious messages stars Felicity Kendal and Jose Lawrence. Gleigud Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £19.50-£27.50 £12.50-£17.50 (restricted visited). ews). 130 mins.

AMADEUS David Suchet stars as Salleri in Peter Shaffer's acclaimed drams. Old Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 7616/cc 420 0000) BR/O Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, £7.50-£30. 180 mins.

◆ ANNUE Bags to riches story of the optimistic orphan. Victoria Palace Victoria 5treet, SW1 (0171-834 1317) 8R/◆ Victoria. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4][7] 2.30pm, [1] 4pm, £7.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

» ART Tom Mannion, Danny Webb, Gary Olsen in Yasmina Reza's com-edy about art and friendship. Wyn-dham's Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736/cc 867 1111) & Lek Sq. Tue-Sat 8pm, [4] 3pm, [7][1] 5pm, £9.50-£27.50. 90 mins. DREAUTY AND THE BEAST Lav-

ish family musical based on Disney's cartoon version of the favourite fairy

tale. Dominion Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-656 1888) & Tott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm, £18.50-£35. 150 mins. • BLOOD BROTHERS Willy Rusell's long-running Liverpool musi-cal melodrama about twins who are separated at birth. Phoenix Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1733) • Leic Sq/Rott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (5) 3pm, [7] 4pm, £I 1.50-£32.50. 165 mins.

• BUDDY Musical biog-show tracing the brief life of Buddy Holly. Strand Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800) ◆ Covent Garden/Charing X. Tue-Thur 8pm, Fri 5.30pm & 8.30pm, Sat 5pm & 8.30pm, mats [1] 4pm, £10-£27, half price Friday

es. 160 mins. DCATS Lloyd Webber's musical version of TS Eliot's poems. New London Parker Street, WC2 (0171-405 0072/cc 404 4079) Covent Garden/Holborn, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (3)(7(3pm, £12.50-£35. 165 mins.

O CHICAGO Maria Friedman and Peter Davison star in this hit Broad-way musical about two murderous women and their nightchib act. Adelphi Malden Lane, WC2 (0171-344 0055) & Charing X, Mon-Sat 8pm, (4(17) 3pm, £16-£36 (inc booking fee), 130 mins.

O THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (ABRIDGED) Reduced Shakespeare Company's keenly-paced theatrical history lesson. Criterion PiccadIlly Circus, W1 (0171-369 1747) → Picc Circ. Tue 8pm, £6-£25. 120 mins.

DR POLITTLE Phillip Schofield talks to the animals in this new stage adaptation featuring Jim Hen-son Puppets, London Apollo Ham-mersmith Queen Caroline Street, WG 9 (0171-416 6022) ♥ Hammer-smith. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, [4](7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 150 min

THE GLORY OF LIVING Drama set amongst the trailer parks of southern America from new playwright Rebecca Gilman, Royal Court Upstairs (at The Ambassadors) West Street, WCZ (0171-565 5000) ⊕ Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, £10, concs

• GREASE Energetic stage version of the hit film about life in an American high school. Cambridge Eartham 5treet, WC2 (0171-494 5080) ↔ Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [4([7] 3pm, £10-£30. 150 mins.

AN IDEAL HUSBAND Christooher Cazenove and Susannah York in Peter Hall's acclaimed production of Wilde's comedy Lyric Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) & Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4) 3pm, [7] 4pm, £8.50-£29.50. 165

AN INSPECTOR CALLS Stephen Daldry's widely-acclaimed produc-tion of JB Priestley's thriller Garrick Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) → Leic Sq. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, [4] 2.30pm, [7(5pm, £12-£29.50, 110 mins.

INTO THE WOODS Southeim and Lapine's ecclaimed musical based on fairytales. Donmar Warehouse Eartham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732] & Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4((7(2.30pm,

THE INVENTION OF LOVE Tons Stoppard's play about the life of po-et A E Houseman, author of The Shropshire Lod. Theatre Royal, Haymarket Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) & Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, (4][7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50.

• JESUS, MY BOY Turn Conti stars in John Dowie's alternative Christmas show. Apollo Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070) & Picc

Circ. Tue-Fri 8pm, Sat 5pm & 8pm [1] 3pm, ends 6 Feb, £5.50-£18.50. ● KAFKA'S DICK Eric Sykes and Julia Mackenzie star in Alan Bennett's comedy about the moritumd writer: Piccadilly Denman Street, W1 (0171-369 1734) ◆ Picc Circ, in rep. tonight 8pm, ends 26 Feb, £12-£30.

LITTLE MALCOLM AND HIS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE EUNUCHS Ewan McGregor stars as the revolutionary activist in David Hallivell's drama. Comedy Panton
Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) &
Picc Circ/Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm,
[5][7] 3pm, ends 13 Mar, £7£27.50.

DLORD OF THE FLDES Stage ver-sion of William Golding's classic tale of schoolboys living on a deserted is-land. Lyric Hammersmith King Street, W6 0 (0181-741 23| 1] & Mon-Sat 7.30om. ends 6 Feb. £5-£16

• THE MEMORY OF WATER Al-ison Steadman and Julia Sawalha star in this touching comedy about three sisters returning home for their mother's funeral. Vaudeville nd. WC2 (0171-836 9987) BR/+ Charing X. Mon-[5][7] 3pm, £8-£27.50. K. Mon-Sat 8pm

) LES MISERABLES Musical dramatisation of Victor Hago's mas-terpiece. Palace Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-434 0909) ◆ Picc Circ. n-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 2.30pm,

£7-£35, 195 mins,

 MARSS SAIGON Musical which resets the Madom Butter fly tragedy to Vietnam. Theatre Royal, Drury Lane Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-05). FOR PROPERTY CANADA CONTRACTORS. 494 5060) ◆ Covent Garden, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [4][7] 3pm, £5.75-£35.

● THE MOUSETRAP Agatha Christie's whodwnnit. St. Martin's West Street. WC2 (0171-836 : 1443) ● Lelc Sq. Mon-Sat. 8pm. [3] 2.45pm. [7] 5pm. £10-£24.50. 135

 DOKLAHOMA! Maureen Lipman stars in the National's acclaimed production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's cowboy v farmhand musical. Lyceum Wellington Street, WC2 (0870-606 3446/cc 606 6446)
 ON TO-606 3446/cc 606 6446) Charing X/Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7] 2.30pm, ends 26 June, £10-£35. O THE PHANTOM OF THE

OPERA Andrew Lloyd Webber's Gothic musical Her Majesty's Hay-market. SW1 (0171-494 5400/cc 344 4444) Plcc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, (4)[7] 3pm, £10-£35. 150 D REENT Musical inspired by La Boheme and set in modern day New York. Shaftesbury Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (07000-211221) ⊕ Hol-

born/fott Ct Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pg

(4)[7] 3pm, £12.50-£32.50. 160

PRICHARD HI Robert Lindsay stars as the historical villain. Savoy Strand. WC2 (0171-836 8888/cc 836 0479) Charing X/Embankment, Mon-7.30pm. [7] 2.30pm, £10-£27.50.

ROYAL NATIONAL THEATRE D OLIVIER: Peter Pan Stephen Oliver's music accompanies the tale of the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up, with Michael Bryant as the Storytellet in rep, tonight 7.15pm, ends

DLYTTELTON: The Forest Alan Ayekhourn's new version of Ostrovsky's black social satire stars Frances de la Tout in rep, today 2.15pm & 7.30pm. Office & Lyttelton: £8-£27. Day seats from 10am. South Bank, SE1 (0171-452 3000). 9/BR: Wa-

ROYAL SHARESPEARE COMPANY OTHE BARBICAN: The Merchant Of Venice RSC production of Shake-speare's drama about love and money. In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 9 Mar. 180 mins.

O THE PIT: Shadows: Riders To The Sea & The Shadow of The Glen & Purgatory Triple-bill of drama by WB Yeats and JM Synge. In rep. tonight 7.15pm, ends 27 Mar. Barbican Theatre: £5-£27. The Pit: £11-£18.50. 8arbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891).

O SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER Hit. 1970s musical featuring legendary songs by the Bee Gees and starring Adam Garcia, London Palladium Argyll Street, WI (0171-494 5020) & Oxford Circus Man (2017) Oxford Circus, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, (4)[7] 2.30pm, £10-£32.50, 135

• STARLIGHT EXPRESS Andrew Lloyd Webber's hi-tech roller-mus cal Apolio Victoria Wilton Road, SW1 (0171-416 6070) BR/O Victoria, Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [3][7] 3pm, £12,50-£30, 150 mins,

THE STREET OF CROCODILES Bruno Scultz's short stories provide. the inspiration for Theatre de Com plicite's acclaimed and absurdist drama Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040/cc 344 4444) Picc Circ. Tue-Sat 8pm, [7] 3pm,
 5pm, ends 20 Feb, £6-£25.

new stage version of Maxim Gorky's tale of a matriarch and her downtrodden family. Albery St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) & Leic Sq. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, [5][7] 3pm, ends 27 Mar, E5-E29.50.

VASSA Howard Davies directs 8

THE WEIR Conor McPherson's drama is set in Ireland and examines ideas of ghosts and angels. Royal Court Downstairs (at the Duke Of York's) 5t Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) ← Leic Sq/Charing X. Mori-Sat 7.30pm, (4)(7) 3.30pm, £5-£25. 90 mins.

WEST SIDE STORY Brand new production of Bernstein's classic musical, attempting to recreate the feel of the original Broadway hit. Prince of Wales Coventry Street, W1 (0171-839 5972) ← Lelc Sq/Picc Circ. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, [5][7] 3pm, £18.50-£35, 160 mins.

O WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND Lloyd Webber's new musical based on the film of the same name about two children who mistake an escaped convict for Jesus. Aldwych Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6000/cc 836 2428) & Holborn. Mori-Sat 45pm, (5)(7) 3pm, £10-£32.50.

O THE WOMAN IN BLACK SUsan Hill's chilling ghost stary. Fortune Russell Street, WC2 (0171-836 2236/cc 344 4444) & Covent Gar-den/Holborn. Mon-Sat 8pm. [3] 3pm. [7] 4pm. £8.50-£23.50. 110

THEATRE BEYOND THE WEST END

ALMEIDA THEATRE Certain Yo Men Peter Gill's comedy of con-temporary manners looks at the sexuality and the modern man. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. mat Sat 3pm, ends 20 Feb. £9.50-£19.50, concs avail-able. Almelda Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Highbury & Islington.

ARTS THEATRE Krapp's Last Tape Edward Petherbridge performs Samuel Beckett's melancholic piece. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Fri & Sat 5.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £11-£15. Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 3334/cc 741 9999) + Leices-

BUSH THEATRE In Flame New drama for the Bridget Jones generation. Mon-Sat 8pm, ends 6 Feb. £10, concs £7. Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388) → Shepherd's Bush.

KING'S HEAD, ISLINGTON The Vagina Monologues Eve Ensier performs her own aclaimed off-Broadway hit. Tue-Sat 8pm, mats Sat & Sun 3.30pm, ends 6 Mar. £12-£13. Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916)

Angel/Highbury & Islington.

TRICYCLE THEATRE The Colour of Justice Dramatisation of the Stephen Lawrence case. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 4pm & 8pm, mat Wed 2pm, ends 6 Feb. £8-£13.50, concs available. Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) & Kilburn.

YOUNG VIC STUDIO Play-boy desperate optimists' latest offering looking at the attraction of violence. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, ends 6 Feb. £8,

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THEATRE COUNTRYWIDE

PASINGSTOKE HAYMARKET THEATRE Corpse Ian Targett and Ian Lindsay star in Gerlad Moon's high-camp comedy thriller about a penniless actor who contrives to murder his wealthy twin and assume his lifestyle. Mon-Trur & Sat 7.45pm, Fri 6pm & 9pm, mat Wed 3pm, ends 6 Feb. £9.50-£15.50, concs available Wote Street (01256-465566)

EVERYMAN THEATRE Black Dahlia EVISYMMAN THE OUTE STARK DANIAR Chilling psychological thriller by the anthor of LA Confidential. Combains shocking scenes. Tue-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, ends 6 Feb. £5.50-£15 Regent Street (01242-572573)

CHICHESTER CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE Abigail's Party Steven Pinder (Brookside's Max Farnham) stars in Mike Leigh's comedy about social niceties in 1970s suburbia. Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur & Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £6.50-£21, Oaklands Park (01243-781312)

EXETER

NORTHCOTT THEATRE Persua Adaptation of Jane Austen's last novel. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mat Wed 1.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£15, concs available 5tocker Road (01392-493493)

1 PICESTER HAYMARKET THEATRE Singin' in the Rain High water mark of Amer-ican musicals. Tue-Sat 7,30pm mats Wed & Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£19.50 Belgrave Gate (0116-253

MALVERN MALVERN FESTIVAL THEATRE The Gis Game Prith Banbury directs Joss Ackland and Borothy Tutin in this sensitive and found drama which centres around a lengthy game of Gin Rummy. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £10-£14, concs available Grange Road (01684-8922771 .

TORCH THEATRE The Woman in Black Chilling story of haunting and evil with a twist. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £8, concs. £5 St Peters Road (01646-695267)

MADDERMARKET THEATRE Woman in Mind One of Ayckbourn's blacker comedies about a woman who suffers debusions after being hit on the head by a garden rake. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £4-£6.50 St Johns Alley (01603-620917)

THEATRE ROYAL Sleuth Peter Bowles and Michael Maloney star in Anthony Shaffer's incenious and in ventive thriller. Mon-Sat 7.30pm mat Wed 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £3-£15.50, concs available Street (01603-630000)

PETERBOROUGH KEY THEATRE Wildest Dreams Alan Ayckbourn's comedy about four Alan Ayestourn's country misfits playing a type of Dungeons-and-Dragons game in a suburban liv-ing room. Wed-Sat 7.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7-£8.50, concs available Embankment Road (01733-552439)

POOLE POOLE ARTS CENTRE And Then There Were None Agatha Christie's whodumit set in a lonely house on a remote island. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Wed 2.30pm, ends 6 Feb. £7.50-£11.50 Kingland Road (01202-685222)

SOUTHAMPTON MAYPLOWER THEATRE Goldlocks and the Three Bears Frank Bruno, Karl Howman and Emily Symous in this star-studded panto. Tonight 7pm, ends Feb 14. £7.50-£17.50, concs available Commercial Road (01703-711811)

STEVENAGE GORDON CRAIG THEATRE On the Razzle Tom Stoppard's farce is set in 1850's Vienna. Mon-Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8pm, mat Thur 1.30pm, ends 5 Feb. £10.50-£12.50, concs available Lytton Way (01438-766866)

STRATEORD-UPON-AVO ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE ROYAL SHARESPEARE I FIELD RE The Winter's Tala Seasonal tale of obsessive jealousy, directed by Gre-gory Doran. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 4 Mar. £7-£30 Waterside (01789-

SWAN THEATRE A Month in the Country Brian Friel's adaptation of Turgeney's portrait of all-consuming sexual desire. Michael Attenborough directs. Tonight 7.30pm, ends 20 Feb. £5-£30 Waterside (01789-WATFORD

PALACE THEATRE Darkness Fails Double bill of sinister drama from Jonathan Holloway. Mon-Thur 7.45pm, Fri & Sat 8pm, ends 20 Feb. £4-£15.75 Clarendon Road (01923-

WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA PALACE THEATRE CENTRE Women on the Verge of HRT Two EXHIBITIONS

BRIGHTON BRIGHTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Mary Potter (1900-1981] Retrospective of the artist's largely figurative paintings. Mon, Tue & Thur-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2 pm-5pm, ends 28 Mar, free, Church 5treet (01273-290900)

BRUTON
BRUTON GALLERY Forming the
Figure Including works by Rodin and
Hezry Moore. Mon-Fri 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, ends 20 Mar, free. Stock-well House, Bruton High Street (01749-812205)

CAMERIDGE FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM The Society of Three: Whistler, Fantin-Latoor eod Alphoase Legros Exhibition of drawing and prints examining the common stylistic ground of the three artists. Tue-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15pm-5pm, ends 14 Feb, free. Trumpington Street (01223-332900)

KETTLE'S YARD Physical Evidence Innovative paintings, drawings, sculpture and video. Tue-Sat 12.30pm-5.30pm, 5un 2pm-5.30pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Castle Street (01223-352124)

LONDON BARBICAN ART GALLERY Africa BARCERO AND PHOTOGRAPHY:
PICASSO AND PHOTOGRAPHY: THE DARK MIRROR More than 300 works explore the Spanish master's relationship with photography. Mon. Thur-Sat 10am-6.45pm. Jue 10am-5.45pm, Wed 10am-7.45pm, Sun 12noon-6.45pm, ends 29 Mar. £6. concs £4, from Mon-Fri £3 after 5pm, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 4141) Barbican/Moorgate,

DESIGN MUSEUM Modern Britain 1927-1939 A study on the important period after the Great War including the work of Francis Bacon, Paul Nash and Barbara Heoworth. Mon-Sun 11.30am-6pm, ends 18 Jul. £5.25, concs £4 (to museum). Shad Thames, S£1 (0171-378 6055) & lower HIII/DLR: Tower Gateway. NATIONAL GALLERY in the Light

of Fra Angelico: Zanobi Strozzi Study exhibition exploring the Ends 7 Mar, free. Portraits by ingres Major exhibi-tion of paintings and drawings by the 19th-century French artist. Mon & Tue, Thur-Sun 10am-6pm, Wed

10am-10pm, ends 25 Apr. £6, concs £4, Wed 7pm-10pm £4. Trafalgar Square, WC2 (0171-747 2885) Charing Cross. ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Monet in the 20th Century Eig paintings made in the 25 years at ntury Eighty paramgs make in the 20 years awar 1900. Mon-Thur, 5un 9am-6pm, Fri & Sat 9am-10pm, ends 18 Apr. £9, concs £6, child (12-18) £3, child (8-11) £1.50. 8urlington House, Piccadilly, WI (0171-413 1717) ⊕

Green Park. TATE GALLERY Turner in the Alps Works on paper made on Turner's first Alpine trip in 1802. Ends 14 Feb. in Celebration: The Art of the Canaletto, Stubbs and Holbein, Mon-Sun 10am-5.50pm, ends 28 Feb, free. Millbank, SW1 (0171-887

8000) + Pimlico. VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM Picasso's Ladies: Wendy Ramshaw Precious-metal jewellery. Ends 15

Americas and Asia: Hearl Cartier-Bresson Subjects by the 90 year-old photographer. Ends 12 Apr. Silver and Syrup: A Selection from the Collection Work by leading photographers. Mon-Sun 10em-5.45pm, ends 31 Jul. E5, concs £3, under I 8s/UB40/disabled/mems/after 4.30pm free, Cromwell Road, SW7 (0171-938 8441) + South

ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM Chinese Silles Brightly coloured 18th and 19th century hangings. Ends 28 Feb. Nineteenth Century French Drawings Recent accussitions alongside familiar major drawings. Ends 28 Feb. The Painterly Brush Oil sketches dating from the 18th to the early 20th century. The Sat 10 ann. from Sim. century. Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sur 2pm-4pm, ends 21 Mar, free. Beau-mont 5treet (01865-278000)

NEWLYN ART GALLERY Bob Law Influential artist's drawings, paint-ings and sculpture. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, ends 6 Feb, donation. New Road (01736-363715)

ST IVES ST IVES TATE GALLERY Displays 998-9: Partnerships and Practice aintings and ceramics from the econd half of the century, and a selection of contemporary work.

Quoir Mootserrat: Veronica Ryan
Marble sculpture linking St Ives
with Montserrat in the West Lodies. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun 11am-5pm, ends 11 Apr. £3.50, concs £2. Portimeor Beach (01736-796226)

WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY Disasters of War: Callot, Goya, Dix Selections from three artists' war 20 Mar, free. Lichfield Street (01902-

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CLASSICAL

ST GEORGE'S BRANDON HILL ST GEORGE'S BRANKAM PRILL Borodin String Quartet String quartets by Tchallovsky and Brahms. Tonight 7.30pm. £6-£12. Brandon Hill (0117-923 0359)

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ST JOHN'S, SMITH SQUARE John Hoyland Pisno recital including Schmann and Brahma. Tonight 7.30pm. 56-£10. Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1051)

Westminster. **PURCELL ROOM ROSL Prizewin**ners Concert From the persussion ensemble Backbeat and piano duo Jennifer Micallel and Glen Imanga. Tonight 7.30pm, £8 & £10, cones £6. South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) BR/& Waterloo.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL Philharmonta/Dutoit Poulenc's Double Pimonta/butoit retreates bottops Prano Concerto with Ravel's 2nd Dophnis and Chlos Suite. Tonight 7.30pm. £5-£30. South Bank, \$£1 (0171-960 4242) BR/& Waterloo.

OPERA

LONDON MAY FAIR THEATRE Cen-drillon/Viva La Mamma Central Festival Opera with one acters by Viardot and Donizetti. Tonight 8pm. £20 & £35, Stratton Street, W1 (01604-

DANCE

LONDON SADLER'S WELLS AT THE PEA-COCK THEATRE Paco Pena Flamenco Presents La Musa Gitana World class flamenco dance, song and guitar, Tue-Sat 8pm, mar Sat, 5un 3pm, ends 7 Mar, £7,50-£27,50. Portugal Street, WC2 (0171-863 8222) Holloom/Temple.

SADLER'S WELLS Birmingham Royal Ballet; Edward II Violence and betrayal against a background of religious fervour, choreor David Bintley. Tonight 7.30pm, £7.50-£40. Rosebery Avenue, ECI (0171-863 8000) + Angel

HALL FOR CORNWALL Rambert Dance Company: Triple Bill Pro-gramme includes the Rambert premiere of August Pace by Merce Cunningham. Tonight 8pm. £11-£17.50, concs available. Back Quay. (01872-262466)

LITERATURE

LONDON ARCHETYPES IN LITERATURE DON OUDIOTE'S DELUSIONS Travel writer Miranda France investigates the changing significance of Don Quixote, drawing on four centuries of writers. Voice Box. Royal Festival Hall South Bank 5E1 (0171-960 4242) BR/O Waterloo.

night 7.30pm, £4, concs £2.50. IN-STORE READING - COLIN BATEMAN: MAID OF THE MIST Au-thor event with light refreshments. Waterstone's Bookstore William Baker House, Broad Street (01865-790212) Tonight 6.30pm, free by

COMEDY

TOMMY TIERNAN AND JASON BYRNE AT THE JUNCTION Irish comedy double bill. Tonight 8.30pm, Clifton Road (01223-511511) £9

NORTHAMPTON MORTHAMPTON
ALAN DAVIES IN URBAN TRAUMA AT THE DERNGATE The star
of Jonatism Creek performs. Tonight
8pm, Guildhall Road (01604-624811) £13-£14. LONDON

HERSTERICS COMEDY CLUB AT TUT 'N' SHIVE Jo Enright, Meryl O'Rourke, Lacy Bayler, Nichola Hutchson, Jane McCartney, Ilona Colquhoun, MC Laura Shavin. Tonight 8.45pm, Upper 5treet, N1 (0171-359 7719) & Highbury & Is-lington, £4, concs £3.

CLUBS LONDON INDIGO AT MADAME JO JO'S Felchley Hawkes and DJ Karminsky play easy listening. Tonight 9pm-2am, Brewer Street, W1 (0171-734 2473) & Piccadilly Circus, £7, concs before 10.30pm £5.

MOFO AT THE BORDERLINE Stater-friendly acid, breakbeat and jungle night. Tonight 11pm-3am, Manette Street, W1 (0171-734 2095) O Tottenham Court Road, £5.

£3 w/fiyer, NUS £2. FEET FIRST AT CAMDEN PALACE Great big india session. Tonight 10pm-2am, Camden K. h Street, NW1 (0171-387 0428) & Camden Town, £5, concs/NUS £3. **EVENTS**

BRIGHTON ZOO: AN EXHIBITION OF FAN-TASTIC AND CRAFTY CREATURES Weird and wonderful creatures de-picted by craft makers and designers. Hove Museum & Art Gallery New Church Road (01273-290200) Tue Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, closed Good Friday, ends 18 Apr, free.

LONDON SPRINT '99: PESTIVAL OF PHYSI-CAL, VISUAL AND UNUSUAL THE-ACRE With humour, horror, storytelling and dragons. Camden People's Theatre Hampstead Road NW1 (0) 71-916 5878) + Camden Yown. Ends 13

Feb, phone for details. BEHIND THE SCENES Portraits of ans and actists involved in the making of British films. Museum Of The Moving Image (MOMI) South Bank SE1 (0171-928 3535) • Waberloo. Mon-Sun 10am-6pm (last adm. 5pm), ends 26 Feb, £6.25, stu-dent £5.25, concs £4.50, under 5s

free, family ticket £17.

SNOWDROP DAYS Enjoy the spec-bacacle of thousands of smowdrops in the extensive gardens and wood-lands. Ringston Lacy Estate (01202-880413) Feb. 11am-4pm, phone to check open days, £2.50, child £1.25. (Wed £1), members free

> MUSIC POP

EXETER ANNIE CHRISTIAN, CARTOON Edinburgh-based band beadline, Cavern Club Queen Street (01 392-495370) Tonight 8pm, phone for prices.

GUILDFORD
TERRORVISION Return to live action by Bradford's finest purveyors oftwisted pop metal. Civic Half Lon-don Road (01483-444555) Tonight 8pm, £10. LONDON DENNIS LOCORRIERE Solo outing by the former singer with 1970s dis-co cowboys Dr Book. The Border-line Manette Street Wi (0171-734

2095) O Tottenham Co Tonight 7.30pm, £10. DAVID MCALMONT Originally half of Thieves, McAlmont's souring vo-cals gained most exposure collaborating with Bernard Butler, Jazz Care Parkway NW1 (0171-916 6060) & Camden Town. Tonight 8pm, £8.50.

JOHN OTWAY Pub-rock entertainment from rock wholl's self-proclaimed greatest failure. The Weavers Arms Newington Green Road N1 (0171-226 6911] BR/O Highbury & Islington. Tonight-8.30pm

NEW MODEL ARMY Justin Sullivan's long-running strident rock pro-ject tour the new album, Stronge Brotherhood University of East Anglia Earlham Road (01603-505401/cc 764764) Tonight Bpm. HEATHER NOVA, NAOMI Bermu

dan singer and songwriter who's been compared to Tori Amos and Sheryl Crow. The Waterfront Kins et (01603-632717/cc 764764 Tonight 8.30pm, £5. PORTSMOUTH ONE MINUTE SILENCE, PULKAS. ONE MINUTE SILENCE, PULNAS, LIBERTY 37 Fresh from US tours supporting Serendust and Anthrea, hardcore risers OMS return to the UK for their last dates before record-

ing a second album. Wedgewood Rooms Albert Road, Southsea (01705-863911) Tonight 8pm, £5. MUSIC

JAZZ, WORLD, FOLK

OSCAR D'LEON Leading interna-tional saisa vocalist and his 19-piece orchestra. Barbican Hall Barbican Centre EC2 (0171-638 8891) & Bar-bican, Tonight 7.30pm, £8.50-£15.50.

PIZZA EXPRESS ALL STARS The

mainsteamers' mainstream. Pizza Express Jazz Club Dean Street Wi

(0171-439 8722) & Tottenham Court Road, Tonight 9pm, £8.50. THREE'S A CROWD Actority cabaret with Patricia Hodge. Pizza on the Park Knightstridge SW1 (0171-235 5273] & Hyde Park Corner, Tonight

9.15pm & 11.15pm, £20, £18 adv. CEDAR WALTON Veteran Texan neohop pianist. Ronnie Scott's Frith Street W1 (0171-439 0747) 8 Leicester Square. Tonight 9.30pm.

LOZ SPEYER QUARTET Diversified contemporary trumpeter plays original material. Vortex Stoke New-Ington Church Street N16 (0171-254 6516) BR: Stoke Newington, Tonight 9pm, £4, concs £3. SOUTHAMPTON

JONATHAN GEE TRIO Resourceful modal planist touring new CD, Your Shining Heart. John Arlott Room Staff Club. Southampton University (01703-593600) Tonight 8.30pm, £6, NUS £4, concs £3.



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6.30 Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo.

Jimmy Young, 2.00 Ed Stewart.

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Freeman: Their Greatest Bits. 8.00

Nigel Ogden. 9.00 Sopence for a

Superman, 10.00 Susan Jeffreys

Leskanich 3.00 - 4.00 Mo Dutta.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Liszt.

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Con-

cert. A song recital of settings from

Goethe's 'Faust' live from Belfast to

mark the two hundred and fiftieth

Catherine Pierard (soprano), Henry

Herford (baritone), Julius Drake (pi-

ano). Schubert: Der Konig in Thule:

Gretchen am Spinnrade; Gretchens

Plus other settings Liszt, Schumann,

Bitte: Szene aus Goethes Faust.

Beethoven, Verdi, Busoni, Wagner,

7.30 Performance on 3. The first

complete performance since the

given last October in the Barbican

by students from various European

American William Christie. They gave

eight European cities under the aus-

Academy, Ambronay, The cast in-cludes Andrew Hewitt as the warrior

hero Theseus, Sophie Karthauser as

his beloved Aegle, and Kimberly Mc-

Cord as the evil sorceress Medea.

6.00 House Calls (1978) (26289). 8.00

Lies He Told (1996) (79024), 10.00 Never Too Late (1996) (71096), 12.00 The Direc-

tors (21573), 1.00 Hollywood Buzz (17111).

Late (1996) (42821). 8.00 The Lost World

Love and Hate (1996) (529970), 2.05 The

Portrait of a Lady (1996) (93426425), 4.30

7.00 Family Blessings (1996) (85173). 9.00

The Fallen Sparrow (1943) (68978). 11.00

Forgotten City of Planet of the Apes (1974)

(62734), 3.00 And Baby Makes Six (1979)

Festival (35531). 11.00 Next of Kin (1989)

(307260), 12.50 in the Name of Love - a

Texas Tragedy (1995) (877715), 2.30 I, the Jury (1982) (20970), 4.30 - 7.00 The Pal-

4.00 The Yellow Canary (1944) (7922685)

6.00 The Duchess and the Dirtwater Fox

(1976) (1384005), 8.00 Obsession (1948)

(1389550), 10.00 100 Years... 100 Movies (8478519), 10.55 A Place in the Sun (1951)

(59517666). 1.00 Zorba the Greek (1964)

(72329425), 3.50 The Lineup (1958)

6.00 Les Entants du Paradis (1944)

8.00 Visions of Light: the Art of Cine-

(98378840). 7.40 Surrry Spells (1229918).

matography (88669444). 9.35 Confession (1603173). 10.00 Riff Raff (1991) (6077685).

See Pick of the Day. 11.45 Made in USA (1966) (3699937). 1.10 Le Doulos (1962)

(3802289), 6.00 Animal Doctor (3892802). 6.30 Adventures of the Quest (8620550).

7.30 Beyond 2000 (3812666), 8.00 Great Escapes (4967395), 8.30 Survivor

(4946802), 9.00 Traiblazers (6524869).

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(6527956), +LOO Legion of the Damned

(9092192), 12.00 Buried Alive (6523154).

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(6227425), 3.00 - 6.00 Barry Lyndon

(83699135). 5.20 Close.

FILMFOUR

(1975) (5506135).

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

4.00 Rex Hunt Specals (3815753). 4.30 Shares World (3811997). 5.00 Wheel Nuts (38111), 5.30 History's Turning Points

(85776661). 3.20 Hollywood Hall of Fame

ssings (1996)

(35802). **1.00** Cosmic Shock (1997)

84395). 7.00 Cosmic Shock (1997)

10395), 8.30 Captive (1996) (22024).

(1997) (39717685). 10.10 The Fan (1996)

(23309111). 12.15 A Thin Line betw

6.00 The Directors (40222).

SKY MOVIEMAX

(83598). 5.00 Family Ble

en Sparrow (1943) (675715).

SKY CINEMA

2.00 House Calls (1978) 4526951 4.00

conservatoires conducted by the

their semi-staged performance in

pices of the European Baroque

Musorgsky and Loewe.

4.45 Music Machine.

4.00 Voices.

5.00 in Tune.

SKY PREMIER

2.00 The BBC Orchestras

anniversary of Goethe's birth.

Says Make It a Double, 10.30

Richard Alfinson, 12.00 Katrina

TUESDAY RADIO

12.00 Kevin Greening, 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat, 6.00 Dave Pearce, 8.00 Steve Larnacq - the Evening Session, 10.00 Digital Update, 10.10 John Peel, 12,00 The Breezeblock 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Cive 6.00 Alex Lester. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce. 12.00

RADIO 4 LOVES to tackle big competing to gain the upper questions in the time it takes hand. A bit like improv night

Angus Deayton's History of been given four episodes to Alternative Comedy (11pm



4.30 Shop Talk 5.00 PM 5.57 Weather

sents the arts programme. After the epic Titanic', Kate Winslet returns to British cinema screens in the more intimate 'Hideous Kinky'. 7.45 Speaking for Themselves. Ten dramatised excerpts from the letters

his wife Clementine, taken from the newly published collection edited by their daughter, Mary Soames. With Alex Jennings as Winston, Sylvestra le Touzel as Clementine, and Helen Bourne as the narrator, Part 2. 8.00 NEWS; File on 4. Gerry Northam reports on major issues, changing attitudes and important events at home and abroad. 8.40 in Touch, Peter White with news for visually impaired people. 9.00 NEWS; Behind the Brain. Scientists have solved many mysteries of the physical world, but one biological puzzle still eludes them. In

9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy. Disabled achievers in the United States talk frankly to Peter White about how their disabilities have affected their

10.00 The World Tonight. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets. By John Mortimer, read by Rik Mayali. Blackmail and political manoeuvring abound as poling day looms (7/10). **1L00** NEWS; Angus Deayton's

History of Alternative Comedy. Angus Deayton embarks on a four-part celebration of alternative comedy's 20th birthday with the help of Alexei Sayle, French and Saunders, and Rik Mayall See Pick of the Day. 11.30 Talking Pictures. The latest film news, with Brian Sibley.

12.00 News. 12_30 The Late Book: Lemona's Tale. By Ken Saro-Wiwa, read by Adjoa Andoh. In a Nigerian prison on the eve of her execution for a double murder, the beautiful Lemona tells her story to the daughter of her al-

leged victims (2/10). 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 100 As World Service. 5.30 World News. 5.35 Shipping Forecast. 5.40 Inshore Forecast. 5.45 Prayer for the Day. 5-47 - 6.00 Farming Today. RADIO 4 LW

(198kHz) 9.45 - 10.00 Daily Service, 12.00 12.04 News Headlines; Shipping Forecast 5.54 - 5.57 Shipping Forecast, 11.30 - 12.00 Today in

RADIO 5 LIVE (693, 909kHz MW) 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. 1.00 Ruscoe and Co. 4.00 Drive. 7.00 News Extra. 7.30 The Tuesday Match. Russell

Fuller presents coverage of all the night's top football action. 10.00 Late Night Live. The day's big stories with Nick Robinson. Including 10.30 a full sports round-up. 11.00 News and finance. And between 1130 and 100 a sharp and spirited late-night topical discussion. LOC Up All Night

5.00 • 6.00 Morning Reports. CLASSIC FM (1000-1019MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 8.00 Henry Kelly. 12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto. 3.00 Jamie Crick. 6.30 Newsnight. 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. 9.00 Evening Concert. Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto in E minor. Jescha Heifetz, Boston SO/Charles Munch. Grieg: Sonata No 3 In C minor, Fritz Kreisler (violin), Sergei Rachmaninov (piano), Elgar; Violin Concerto in B minor, Pinches Zuckerman, St Louis SO/Leonard Station. Kreister: Schon Rosmann. Isaac Stern (violin), Alexander Zaldin

(piano). 11.00 Alan Mann. 2.00

Concerto 3.00 - 6.00 Mark Grif-

VIRGIN RADIO (1215, 1197-1260kHz MW 105.8MHz FM) 6.30 Chris Evans. 9.30 Mark Forrest. 1.00 Nick Abbot. 4.00 Harriet Scott. 7.30 Pete & Geoff. 10.00 James Merritt, 100 Steve Power.

4.30 - 6.30 Richard Allen.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO (198kHz LW) 1.00 The World Today, 1.30 On Screen, 145 Record News, 2.00 The World Today. 2.30 Women Who Dared to Speak. 3.00 The World Today, 3.20 Sports Roundup, 3.30 World Business Report. 3.45 insight, 4.00 - 7.00 The World Today

(400-700L TALK RADIO 6.00 Big Boys Breakfast with David Banks & Nick Ferrari 9.00 Scott Chisholm, 100 Anna Raeburn, 3.00 Peter Deeley. 5.00 The SportZone. 7.00 Eubank's People. 8.00 James Whale, 100 - 6.00 lan Collins.

10.50 Red Dwarf (5971734). See Pick of

the Day. 11.25 Red Dwarf (7681579). See Pick of the Day. 12.00 Red Dwarf. See

Pick of the Day. (1168086), 12.35 The Bill (8076195), 1.05 The Bill (6475390), 1.30

Spender (47501626), 2.45 - 7.00 Shop-

6.00 Tiny and Crew (37109227), 6.20

Johnson and Friends (83016598), 6.30

Philbert the Frog (12197685), 6.40 Tiny Tales (84537840), 6.45 Greedysaurus and

the Gang (84538111), 6.50 Polka Dot Shorts (84524376), 7.00 Practical Parent-

8817260), 7.30 Callou (1265840), 7.35

ing (4507192). 8.00 Barney and Friends

Ceillou (8300005), 8.35 Thy and Crew

(7806550), 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook 5344753], 9.30 The Roseanne Show -

2894579). 12,40 Rescue 911 (96054918).

110 Special Bables (73647145). 1.40 Be-yord Belief: Fact or Fiction (66748631).

2.10 LA Law (9843005). 3.10 Living Room

(2936847). 4.00 Michael Cole (8947005).

Steady, Cook (5531482), 8.15 The Jam Springer Show (3285227), 7.05 Rescue

(2949918). 8:JO Maury Povich (4181531).

(1386453), 11.00 The Sex Zone (7249444)

911 (2608043). 7.35 Animal Rescue

9.00 Films: Unspoken Truth (1995)

9.00 High Society (1956) (92429579). 11.00 The Cincinnati Kid (1965) (40720840). 1.00 The Uquidator (1966)

40788864), 3.00 High Society (1966)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY CHANNEL

7.00 Clueless (2276), 7.30 Grace under

Fire (3395), 8.00 Ellen (6376), 8.30 News radio (8111), 9.00 Cybil (45444), 9.30 Vic

Reeves' Big Night Out (75463), 10.00 Frasier (38444), 10.30 Cheers (48192).

11.00 Seinfeld (57289). 11.30 The Larry

Sanders Show (18519). 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman (85999). 1.00 Taxi

(22583), 1.30 The Critic (69512), 2.00 Dr Katz (48680), 2.30 Tibs and Fibs (67715).

3.00 Nightstand (42357), 3.30 Abbott &

Costello (58067). 4.00 Close.

(51234654), 5.00 Close.

Highlights (3691192), 10.00 The Jerry Springer Show (5964956), 10.50 Maury

(5666111), 8.50 Practical Parenting

Povich (7528208). 11.40 Brookside

(68641227), 12:10 Animal Rescue

Bug Alert (7061173). 7.55 Practical Parent-

4524869), B.25 Babaloos (1039269), B.30

ing (5283375). 7.05 Professor Bubble

LIVING

INDEPENDENT PURSUITS

CHESS

JON SPEELMAN

GARY KASPAROV deservedly won the Hoogovens tournament at Wijk aan Zee on Sunday after a comfortable-looking draw as Black against Vladimir Kramnik took him to the tremendous score of 10/13. Tentative at the beginning but majestic during his magnificent run of seven wins from rounds two to eight, he had again lost confidence after his rather miserable loss to Ivan Sokolov in round nine. Draws against Anand and Timman left him just half a point clear of Anand as they entered the straight. But his fine win against Svidler, who previous to this game had a win and two draws against him, gave Kasparov the one-point cushion he needed when Anand drew fairly

tamely with Yermolinsky. By defeating Topalov in the last round, Anand moved himself up to an undefeated 9.5, just half a point behind Kasparov and a superb result in its own right, netting a performance rating of 2.840 - compared to Kasparov's 2,874 - which would have been enough to win almost any tournament in history.

Vladimir Kramnik was the ooly other unbeaten player but won "only" three games for third on 8. The other scores were lyan Sokolov, Piket, Shirov and Timman 7. Ivanchuk and Svidler 6.5. Topalov 6. Kasimdzhanov 5. Van Wely 4.5, Yermolinsky 4 and Reinderman 3.

Despite the high incidence of decisive games - 41.91 - one of the most interesting was this draw between the two unbeaten players. 19 ...Nh3+!? was Kramnik's improvement on 19 ... Re6 with which he lost against Alexei Shirov in in the European Club Cup a fortnight ago. His very crude idea was to get his queen to the long white diagonal to deliver mate.

Anand's 21 c4 was extraordinary but if 21 Nb3 Rb6 22 Qc5 d4! 23 e4 (23 cxd4 Qa8+ 24 d5 Rd8 25 Nd4 Rxd5 28 Qc4 Kh8 27 Nf3 Rd2+ 2S Bxd2 Qxf3 mate!) 23 ...Qc6: 24 Qd5+ Kh8 25 Kf1! Rd8 26 Qg2 Qe6 gives a lot of play. 21 ... Kh8!? looked dangerous hut Kramnik didn't like 22 c5. At the end, Black must take the perpetual.

White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Vladimir Kramnik Petroff Defence

15 Bxc6 bxc6 2 Nf3 Nf6 16 Qxc6 Re8 3 Nxe5 d6 17 Nes Bxes 4 Nf3 Nxe4 18 dxe5 Ng5 5 d4 d5 19 f4 Nh3+!" 6 Bd3 Nc6 20 Kg2 Rb8 7 0-0 Be7 21 c4 dxc4 8 Rel Bg4 22 Nxc4 Qd3 9 c3 f5 23 Ne3 Rxb2+1 10 Ob3 0-0 24 Bxb2 Od2+ 11 Nbd2 Na5 25 Kh1 Nf2+

26 Kg1 Nh3+

27 Kh1 NC2+

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CREATIVITY

12 Qa4 Nc6

13 Bb5 Bb4

14 g3 Bf6

NEW USES for discarded elastic bands. Catapults, hungee jumps and musical combos were all popular, but Chief Constable Susan Tomes and telepathic Nigel Plevin both insist that all such uses are illegal, as elastic is a band substance, whilst Special Agent Paul Turner, formerly of Blackpool (ex-Fylde) insists this is the abandoned detritus of aliens living among us, unsuspected, invisible and unseen.

Wedding ring for elephants, circus ring for fleas, muzzle for pelicans, says Bruce Birchall who plays quoits, makes Mobius Strips and does men's gymnastics with his. Hula hoop for LS Lowry's stick people, corsetry for Beryl Cook's fat people, Puck's 40-minute girdle around the earth, says Annie Bisssett. Saturo's riogs, says Ivor Nadir Pastry-cutters, says Iva Knuther.

Sling to weigh hedgehogs or moor up your ketch, or overnight bandcuffs for booming clocks, argues Maguy Higgs, who hoards bers to sell as antiques in an e-mail New Dawn. What today is thrown away/Next year is très recherché she concludes. Clock hands for flexitime, panto bungee jump for Widow Twangie, equip a mouse gymnasium, opines Len Clarke.

Bicep-strengthening for bamsters (Luela Palmer). To play at rubber fetishists' dinner dances (RJ Pickles). Restraints for S&M enthusiasts, recycle clips, selfclosing device for doors (James A Kelly). A substitute for squid rings (Mary Flavin), for Mata Hari to make Calamari in the Kalahari. Useful for gossip columnists to

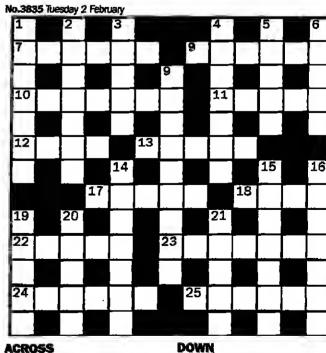
bandy people's names Andrew Duncan). To tree surgeons for rubher tree sap-transfusions (John Morton). To Bob Geldof for Elastic Band Aid (Bob Goodall). To Versace for see-through underwear collections (Jane Reeves), To Beryl the Peril as knicker elastic, to Polly as a Garter, as Christmas decorations in doll's bouses (Mike Gifford). To teach worms how to make

ends meet (Nigel Plevin). To tie together bulky plain brown envelopes for the IOC (Brendan J O'Byrne) or Mick and Jerry's postnon-nuptial agreement (John O'Byrne); to hold together Rupert Murdoch's papers. Or: export to Iraq, ostensibly for parcel mail, in fact for giant catapult to shoot down US planes (JR Gore), Twist and attach to propeller for ecofriendly car engine (Colin Archer)

or wind-powered Millennium Dome generator (John Bronsdon). "Smart" missiles to return unwanted junk mail (Alan Meikle). Catapults to launch politicians into space (Tom Gaunt); Dome visitors over the Thames (Cate O'Kane); to revive the old Lakeland sport of slug-burling (Martin Brown). Len Clarke and Annie Bissett

win copies of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations, as does Nic Coidan's challenge: suggest uses for insideout umbrellas gusted away by gales, Ideas to Creativity. The Independent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E145 DL, by 11 February. Three prizes of Chambers Dictionary of Quotations. Results 16 February. On 9 February, cause for more Cabinet resignations.

CONCISE CROSSWORD



ACROSS Source of stability (6)

P G Wodehouse character (6) 10 Windpipe (7)

11 Giver (5) 12 Declare (4)

13 Type of catapult (5) 17 Gemstone (5) 18 1rish county (4)

22 Fish (5) 23 Burdensome (7) 24 Discharge cargo (6) 25 Charge with crime (6) Happening (5)

Moneylending at exorbitant interest (5) Whirlpool (9) 14 Intellectual (7) 15 Exuberant style of architecture (7)

7

Type of pedal (3-4)

Escapades (7)

Lepidoptera (5)

Cul-de-sac (4-3)

16 Gun case (7) 19 Make speuch (coll.) (5) 20 Practice (5) 21 Stretch of sand (5)

Solution to yesterday's Coucise Grossword; ACROSS: 1 Hanker, 4 Wright (Anchorite I, 7 Attainder, 9 Kale, 10 Aide, 11 Alter, 13 Embody, 14 Roceme, 15 Lesser, 17 Fissos, 19 Rabid, 20 Teem, 22 Edit, 23 Reiterate, 24 Letter, 25 Ethics, DOWN: 1 Hackle, 2 Kite, 3 Really, 4 Wander, 5 Idea, 6 Thieve, 7 Alabaster, 8 Riverside, 11 Adder, 12 Rapid, 15 Lethal, 16 Rafter, 17 Fierce, 18 Optics, 21 Meli, 22 Etch.

PICK OF THE DAY

most people to think about a at the Comedy Store. crossword clue. Geoff Watts has assess the universe's most of fame" - functions continually

to five unsung, witty and engaging

distinguished by their originality and

imagination, 2: Marc Karlin, Indepen-

dent film-maker and publisher Marc

Karfin has courted controversy with

films on Rupert Murdoch and Diana,

R4) is an offshoot of the BBC complicated subject in Behind TV series. Hosted by Deayton the Brain (9pm R4). Today he (right), it's essential if you don't deals with consciousness; the have a telly or you can't stand most depressing theory put the sight of entertainment's top forward is the idea of "15 seconds brass in their curly-haired days.

DOMINIC CAVENDISH 10.15 Postscript. Patrick Wright talks 3.00 NEWS; The Exchange: 0870 010 0444. figures on the cultural scene who are 3.30 The Speech Makers. 3.45 This Scaptred Isle.

Princess of Wales, and with his unsparing analysis of the flaws of today's broadcasters. 10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles talks to novelist Edward White about his new life of Proust and about the continuing fascination exerted by the life and work of a man who, after his mother's death in 1905, turned his

back on an apparently frivolous existence as a social butterfly and withdrew to a soundproof flat and a life of writing and introspection. 11.30 Jazz Notes. 12.00 Composer of the Week: Tavener. (R)

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night. RADIO 4 (924-946MHz FM) 6.00 Today. 9.00 NEWS; No Triumph, No 18th century of Lully's five-act opera,

9.30 The New Recruit 9.45 Serial; Best American Essays. 10.00 NEWS; Woman's Hour. 11.00 NEWS; Nature: The Swamp. 11.30 Coming Alive. 12.00 NEWS; You and Yours. 12.57 Weather. 1.00 The World at One. 1.30 My Mistress Music. 2.00 NEWS; The Archers.

2.15 Afternoon Play: The Dressmak-

no denving the popularity of the

(from 9pm UK Gold). Soon to

return for another series on

of the sci-fi comedy created by

Rob Grant and Doug Naylor

have been known to attend

conventions wearing an H on

their foreheads in homage to the

bologram character, Rimmer

(played by Chris Barrie, right).

4.00 NEWS; The Learning Curve.

6.00 Six O'Clock News. 6.30 The Cheese Shop Presents the Butter Factor, Comedy sketches with a host of new and established 7.00 NEWS; The Archers. 735 Front Row. Francine Stock pre-

of Britain's great wertime leader and

this four part series, Geoff Watts explores human consciousness, the

greatest challenge in the science of

treat tonight with a screening of

After the success of The Full

Monty, Robert Carlyle became a

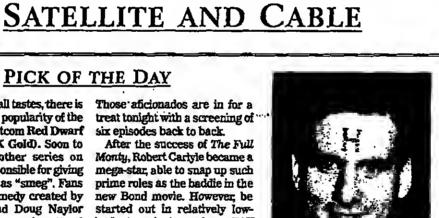
new Bond movie. However, be

started out in relatively low-

budget projects such as Riff

Raff (10pm FilmFour), Ken

the mind. Part 1. See Pick of the Day.



Loach's affecting picture about an ex-con builder. JAMES RAMPTON

1.00 History's Turning Points (1033852). 1.30 Wheel Nuts (3285203), 2.00 Close. SKY ONE

7.00 Court Duckula (94821), 7.30 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show (57192), 8.30 Hotywood Squares (74918). 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (89753), 10.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (40640), 11.00 Guiltyl (99376), **12.00** Jermy Jones (15753), **1.00** Mad about You (93192), **1.30** Jeopardy (21519), 2.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (57802). 3.00 Janny Jones (2011), 4.00 Guity! 5.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 885), 6.00 Married with Children (9519). 6.30 Dream Team (4869), 7.00 The Simp-sons (7774), 7.30 The Simpsons (3753). 8.00 Rescue Medics (5734), 8-30 Coppers (5969), 9.00 World's Wildest Police Videos (47375), 10.00 Greece Uncovers 404650 1L00 Dream Team (17847), 1L30 tar Treic Deep Space Nine (72482) 12.30 The Commish (31203), 1.30 - 7.00 Long Play (7982574).

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00 Sky Sports Centre (3776444). 725 Footbel League Review (392531). 8.15 You're on Sky Sports (2665734) 9.00 Flaming News (50937) 9.30 Aerobics · Oz Style (94869) 10.00 Spanish Football (74005). 12.00 Aerobics · Oz Style (30173). 12.30 World Windsurfing (96685). 1.00 Football Special FIFA World Player of the Year Gals (990'92), 3.30 Triedforn: 1998 World Cup - Garnegori (259'18), 4.30 World Windsurfing (4024), 5.00 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire (1685), 6.00 Sky

Sports Centre (2299), 6.30 Inside Scottish otbell (29463). 7.30 Fastrax (5753). 8.00 Greyhound Razing (96666), 10.00 Sky Sports Centre (805043), 10.45 You're on Sky Sports (639096), **11.00** Inside Scottish Football (29531), **12.00** Sky Sports Centre (7961338), 12.15 You're on Sky Sports (3801777). 1.00 Premier Snooker League (72086). 3.00 Sky Sports Centre (18872357). 3.15 Close.

7.00 Aerobics (8899565). 7.30 Sports Centre (6970005). 7.45 Racing (3862111). 845 World Windsurfing (6638937). 8.45 Sky Sports Centre (9524773). 9.00 World Motor Sport (7563886). 12.00 V-Max 55754631, 12,36 International Cricket South Africa vs West Indies (757755 Depot (4833951), 3.30 - 7.00 Cricket (2319319).

12.00 Wresting (87323299), 1.00 Fish TV (90107531), 1.30 Fish TV (87336753), 2.00 Shelfs Wonderful World of Golf (73887537). 3.00 The Golden Age of Racing A-Z of Motorsport (87479956), 3.30 World Motorsport (38797885), **6.30** Sports Unlimited (81077376), **7.30** Fish TV Fishing Tales (87297531), 8.00 Premier Snooker League

EUROSPORT

Games (78880). 12.30 Close. UK GOLD

44227), 8.30 The Bit (8310840), 9.00 The BI (830192), 9.30 The House of Eloti (72/7839), 10,30 Rhoda (830/376), 11.00 Dalas (4380579), 11.55 Neighbours (78019802), 12.25 EastEnders (7986753) 1.00 Juliet Bravo (8913258), 2.00 Dallas (5021314), 2.55 The Bill (5533531), 3.25 The Bill (9926921), 3.55 EastEnders (8102482). 4.30 Rhoda (3818395). 5.00 All Creatures Great and Small (4959376). 6.00 Dynasty (2313014), 7.00 2point4 Chadren (3481956), 7.40 It Ain't Half Hot, Mum (7685598). 8.20 The Detectives (\$163005), 8.00 Red Dwarf (\$881043), See Pick of the Day, 9.35 Red Dwarf (2063208), See Pick of the Day, 10.15 Red Dwarf (5558685), See Pick of the Day,

(17705596), 11.30 Close.

1924226550 40.00 Superboots Alive Nos

10.00 Alpine Sking (53598), 11.00 Foot-ball: Eurogoals (65802), 12.30 Car on ice bal: Europoals (85802), 12,30 Car on los (83753), 1,00 Cycing (88208), 2,00 Bob-sleigh (91260), 3,00 Ski Jumping (84579), 4,00 Alpine Sking (76314), 5,00 Winter X Garnes (8753), 6,00 Football: Europoals (35482), 7,30 Alpine Sking (80956), 8,30 Tuesday Live Boding (304024), 11,00 US PGA Golf Tour (54227), 12,00 Winter X

ton (92401173), 11.00 Olympic Series

7.30 Bobsleigh (57314), 8.00 Ski Jumping (18647), 9.00 Winter X Games (1973).

7.00 Crossroads (9085802), 7.30 Neighbours (4222289), 7.55 EastEnders

SKY SPORTS 3

PICK OF THE DAY

WHILE NOT to all tastes, there is Those aficionados are in for a

BBC2, it is responsible for giving mega-star, able to snap up such

us such words as "smeg". Fans prime roles as the baddie in the

long-running sitcom Red Dwarf six episodes back to back.

SKY SPORTS 2

4.00 Second Irrings (9580579), 4.30 International Cricket South Africa vs West Indes (3279956), 8.00 Golf: LPGA Office Depot (5626206), 10.00 Festrax (5576192). 10.30 International Cricket South Africa v West Indies (3080289), 12.30 Sports Un-intitled (3569067), 1.30 Golf: LPGA Office

Gioria (6372932). 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999). 1.10 Highlander (7391680). 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108628). 2.35 Wish You Were Hera...?

Power Game (804444), 12.10 The Making of Very Bed Things (6372932), 12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5984999), 1.10 Highlander (7391680), 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108626), 2.35 Wish You Ward Here_? (8491721), 3.05 Judge Judy (55854796), 3.25 Football League Extra (6361574), 4.20 Coech (93837425), 4.45 TIV Mighterseen (1073999) ITY Mightscreen (1073999).

10.30 Calendar News and Weather (496227), 4.15 Jobfinder (6583574). TYNE TEES As Yorkshire except: 5.55 North East Weather (206444), 6.00 North East Tonight (64005), 7.30 Grundy Goes... (69), 10.30 North East News

As Channel 4 except: 9.00 Ysgo-

Eon/Schools (20107376), 12.00 Be-witched (29807550), 12.30 Sesamo Wittened (2950/300). 1.309 Planed Plant (34418043). 1.30 Roots to Success (27032821). 1.50 Film: Way of a Gaucho (80958591). 4.30 Ricks Lake (81358840). 5.00 Planed Plant: Uned 5 (64838531). 5.30 Countdown (54851314).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

About Anglia (85). 7.30 Liza's Country (69). 10.30 Anglia News and Weather (496227). 11.40 Crime Night (510666). 11.55 Go Fishing with John Wilson (633956). 12.25 Soundtrax (649512). BBC1 N IRELAND As BSC1 1 (NELAND As BSC1 LONDON except: 6.30 Newsine 6.30 (89), 10.00 Spottight (20173), 10.30 Soccer Special (175192), 11.30 Film: Stakeout (97003), 11.0 (B33956), 12.25 Soundtrax (64795)2).
12.40 The Haunted Fishtank (5964999).
130 Highlander (7381680), 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108628), 2.35 Wish You Were Here...? (9491721), 3.05 Judge Judy (55854796), 3.25 Nationwide Football League Extra (6361574), 4.20 Coach (39837125), 4.45 ITV Joins BBC News 24 (50362222). BBC1 SCOTLAND As BBC1 LONDON except: 12.30 Potaman (36131598), 12.45 Dochaidh or (Oakey Doke) (26600395). 6.00 vs (37) 6.30 Reporting Scotland other (89) 9.30 Frontline Scotland

HTV WALES

CENTRAL As Cariton except: 12.20 Central News and Weather (8816463). 1.00 Headliners (46260), 3.20 Central News (8252799), 5.10 Shortland Street (9507463), 6.00 Home and Away REC1 WALES As BBC1 LONDON except: 6.30 Wales Today (89) 9.30 Week in Week Out (74482) 10.00 The Next Files (607463), 10.30 Paddington Green (735685), 10.40 Indoor Bowts (195956), 11.25 Film: Stakeout (976289), 1.25 John SBC News 24 (56655999). (9507463), **6.25** Central News and Weather (298344), **7.30** Landladies (89). **10.30** Central News and Weather (496227), **4.15** Jobfinder (6457488), **5.20** Asian Eye (7725864).

AS Carlton except: 10.30 This Morning (1848802). 12.15 HTV News (7417531). 1.00 Shortland Street (46260). 1.30 Home and Away (88685). 2.00

As HTV Wales except: 6.25 HTV West Weather (658918). 6.30 The West Tonight (85), 7.30 West Eye View (69), 11.40 Pleasure Guide (604444), 12.10 Making of Very Bad Things (6372932).

MERIDIAN As Carlton except: 1.00 Shortland Street (9284866), 1.35 Home and Away (25184173), 2.00 Jerry Springer (25164173), 2.00 Jerry Springer (5169734), 5.10 Home and Away (9507453), 5.37 Turse Minutes (226208). 6.00 Meridian Toright (55), 6.30 Sur-prise Chefs (65), 7.30 Wildlife SOS (69), 10.30 Meridian News (496227), 11.40 cyber.cafe (604444), 12.50 Hope and ITV Nightscreen (85512593). 5.00 Free-screen (74845). WESTCOUNTRY

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(64839531). 5.30 Countdown (6349192). 6.00 Newyddion (54651314). 6.10 Heno (16527821). 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (64859395). 7.30 Newyddion (6186869). 8.00 Y Sice Gelf (64968043). 8.30 Pengelf (64847550). 10.00 Brookside (60549280). 10.35 Riddle of the Skies (22824294). 11.35 Short Stories (63809753). 12.05 The Real Hošday Show (19930951). 12.35 Short Stories (25622574). 1.05 The Real L Don Giovanni (13751970). 2.05 Close(). 4.00 Ysgolion (60332203). Close (). 4.60 Ysgolion (60332203).

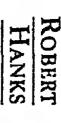
3.20 HTV News (8252799). 5.10 A Country Practice (9507483). 6.00 Home and Away (588550). 6.25 Wales Toright (298314). 7.30 Fishlock's Wild Tracks (69). 10.30 HTV News (496227). 11.40 Anatomy of Disaster (325395). 12.40 The Haumed Fishtank (5984999). 1.10 Highlander (7391680). 2.05 Planet Rock Profiles (7108628). 2.35 Wish You Were Here...? (9491721). 3.05 Judge Judy 155854796). 3.25 Nationwide Football

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AS Cariton except: 1.00 Home and Away (55435735). 1.25 Jerry Springer (4371918). 2.10 Coronation Street (7980208). 5.55 Calendar (923483). 8.30 Toright (85). 7.30 Missing (89).

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calling "Daddy's Gir" "a defining moment in the sort of post-modern world of tetevision".

But this was allowing the scam a dignity it did not deserve. Watching Stuart perform for Dord's cameras and in the original documentary, it seemed clear that he took a simple, boying heasure in putting one over on the film-makers. Dord filmed the trades of the server on the film-makers.

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7.00 Holiday. Jil Dendo is at large in the Chashira countryside and Thalme Sarlow boards the biggest cruse liner ever built. Plus, reports on the Algarve, Gran Canaria, and Italy and Switzerland by bus (S) (T) (8314).

6.00 Holby City. Michael French starts to throw meaningful looks at Dr Kiretle Collins - not that French has been typeoast or anything. Meanwhile "come girl" Nicole

6.50 5.50 to Paddington Graen (S) (T) (842753)

5.00 News| Regiosal News| Weather (1) (1005)

10.00 IIIM Stekeout (John Badham 1987 US).
Badham certainly knows how to angineer a move this buddy-buddy cop movie is one of hie best we move along at an entertaining clip and Richard Dreyfuss is on fine form as the policeman who to love with the target has spying on (Madaleina States) the ex-girilfriend of escapad killer Aldan Quinn. Describes the rules by getting involved with Stowe, his larger to the states of the target the states.

11.56 DIDINA Flesh and Bone (Steve Klovee 1893 US).
Husband-and-wifa Dennis Ouald and Meg Ryan star in this atmospherio title thriller. Sea Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (15806753).

2.00 Joine BBC Newe 24 (5385715). To 8am.

BBC1

5.00 Business Breskfset (12376). 7.00 Newe (T) (56005) 9.00 Kitroy (S) (T) (3381669). 9.46 The Variesse Show (S) (T) (4780444). 10.56 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (5852208). 11.00 Real Rooms (S) (6862685). 11.25 Can'l Cook, Won'l Cook (S) (T) (5832444). 11.56 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (101553). 12.00 Cell My Bluff (S) (29444). 12.30 Wipacul (S) (1912573). 12.66 The Weather Show (B) (T) (48588395). 1.00 News; Weather (T) (5192). 1.30 Regional News and Weather (47200463). 1.40 Neighboure (S) (T) (25196919). 2.06 konsida (R) (3243579). 2.56 Body Spiee (S) (5597869).

3.26 Children's BBC: Playdays (R) (8) (8410598). 3.45
The Enchantad Lands - the Adventuree of the Wishing Cheir (S) (2397482). 3.56 Hububb (S) (T) (3437173).
4.10 Chipmunka Go to the Movies (R) (S) (T) (3622208).
4.36 The Reetly Wild Show (S) (T) (5275463).
5.00 Newsround (S) (T) (2715531). 5.10 Granga Hill (S) (T) (5367173).

5.36 Naighbours, Madge tries out for the Grey Fowlers, whatever that means (5) (1) (455280).

6.00 News Weather (1) (37).

ional News, And weather (T) (88).

7.30 EastEnders. Will Grant give in to Tarry and Simon? You wouldn't have thought so, but the atorylina probably demands it (8) (T) (73).

5.30 Paddington Green. Inner London docu-soap. Sameer Vasward finds himself at the mercy of London's food critics (S) (T) (74482).

this buildy-buildy opp movie is one of his best works. It moves along at an entertaining city end Richard Dreyfuss is on fine form as the policeman who falls in love with the target he's spying on (Madaleina Stowe), the ex-girifriend of escapad killer Alden Quinn. Dreyfuss breaks the rules by getting involved with Stowe, while his junior partner in the stakeout, Emilio Estevez, looks on (S) (840227).

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BBC2

DO Children's \$8C: The Lillie Polar Besr (3548918) 7.09
Taletubbies (8459260). 7.30 Secret Squirrel and Co (R) (8245227). 7.55 Blue Pater (9873050). 9.20 Taz-Mania (7337208). 8.40 Polika Dot Shorts (S) (3316956). 8.80 Qakke Doke (3305840). 9.00 German Globo (8497579). 9.05 Helio aus Berlin (S) (6496550). 9.10 Working (I Out (1633127). 9.25 Techno (4126378). 9.48 Number lime (1216753). 10.00 Teletubbies (45043). 10.30 Watch (2213947). 10.48 Science Zone (7265337). 11.08 Space Ark (8748482). 11.16 Magemaths (9264258). 11.36 Words and Pictures (S) (8922599). 11.80 History Fia (890847). 12.10 English Expresa (9979378). 12.30 Working Lunch (52260). 1.00 Oakle Doka (94584985). 11.0 The Travet Hour (9225647). 2.10 Sporting Greeta (81371958). 2.40 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (3633734). 2.49 Westher (T) (3202294). 3.30 Turning Points (S) (2363289). 3.35 The Netural World (2770206).

6.00

7.20 Bkiing. Hazel Irvha prasents live coverage of the first.
of the men's events from the Alpha Skiing World
Championshipa in Colorado. With analysis from Graham
Sail and commentary by Julian Tutt and Mertin Seil
(no, not that one) (S) (8580227).

8.30 Rick Stein's Besfood Odyssey. The Cornish chef prepares smoked bream with a tengy bush-tuokar chumey. Yes, that's right, he's in Austrelia (S) (T) (411).

9.25 Great Ratiway Journeys. Nick Hencock ettempte to cross Cubs, but soon changes his plans when Hurrbana Georges hits the country. Shame (1) (565005). 9.00 The Morecambe and Whe Show. Ernla throws a cocktall party in the ancient episode from their ITV days. Gueste are the Beverley Staters (R) (S) (801869).

10.19 [HT/][HT] Coming Clean - the Truth about Housework. First in a new series of Viceo Nation. Sea Short Film of the Day, below (S) (T) (617840).

10.30 Newsnight. With Jeremy Paxmen (T) (197314).

11.15 Seinfeld. Georga acquirae e toupée (S) (T) (116579).

11.35 The Lerry Benders Show. Michael Sciton, comic Drew Carey and ER's Eriq Le Salle play themselves as Severly discovers sha le pregnant (S) (1) (903227).

11.40 Ren

gede (S) (184956).

Despatch Box (8816), 12.30 Open University: The Arch Never Sleaps (51845). 1.00 Soaring Achievements (11864). 1.30 The Becret of Sporting Success (58863). 2.00 Schools: Methematics – Mathaphera Edits (33796). 4.00 The Franch Experience (4448c). To 5am.

3.45 JTN 9.00 QM

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Frash Prince of Bei Air (R) (S) (T) (591024).

6.25 Hearthraak High. Those Inner-city Sydney high-school kide again. Ryan becomes an opera freak to Impress Sareh (S) (T) (915679).

7:10 The O Zone. Withney Houston letter about her film caraer, her dislika of the madia, etc etc etc (5) (T) (867763).

9.00 Peak Presona shat Shearer on (T) (7937).

Weather (1) (55869).

10.40 0,30 Lon ion Tonight (1) (498227).

3 III a swingers - Faithful to You in My hion: Exploration of three couples' alternative and illestyles. See Documentary of the Day, below

12.49 The (7390 Wish Judge Laage (8583 Haunted Flahtenk (43932), 1.19 Highlander (R) 0851), 2.10 Planet Rock Profiles (S) (142932), 2.35 You Wara Hera...? (R) (S) (T) (174989), 3.00 is Judy (T) (55855425) 3.20 Nationwide Football (48 Exire (6382203), 4.19 ITV Nightscrean 3574), 5.30 News (17999), To Sam.

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TV (8717050).

7.00 The Big Breakfest (S) (74043)

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9.25 Triske (S) (T) (5741395). 10.30 This Morning (T) (56468260). 12.20 Your Shout (8816463). 12.30 News; Weather (T) (89314). 1.00 London Today (T) (48280). 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (B) (T) (1910024). 2.15 Homa and Away (S) (T) (858837). 2.45 Dela's Supermarket Sweap (S) (T) (887208).

3.28 Chii Rosi (238) 4.28 (S) (Ildren's ITV: Mopatop's Shop (8402032). 3.36 sie end Jim (S) (3442005). 3.50 The Wombles (S) 89483). 4.00 Cow and Chicken (S) (T) (8586385). 9 Mike and Angelo (S) (T) (3605531). 4.90 How II (T) (7899444).

e and Away (T) (8507483).

GOO Lon den Tenight. Regional news update for the tal and the South-East (T) (55).

6.30 Good Btuff. Rowland Rivron and Wendy Douglas with something for the weekend (8) (85).

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10.00 Father Ted. Polly Clarks, a writer of steamy novels, comes to stay on Craggy Island (R) (S) (T) (4611).

11.20 Short Stories: Full Retail Backpeck. The director Dimitri Doganish illim ebout the obsession of some twentysomething travellers with the former battlefields of Vietnam and Cambodia (830847).

11.50 Dope Sheet (104024), **12.25** Seyond Dopa Shaet (98696390).

Was Weether (7) (780109).

7.00 Emmerdete. Fiste fly between Mendy and Tricle, and Zoa meets the women of her dreame (S) (T) (3482).

it Edition. What rising sea levele will do to the mes Barrier, according to one Caseandra (69).

8.30 Clas

k code-breakers — and the knotty problem of how the record act on information received from intercepted men meseages without revealing that they had broken codas. Hence British defenders on Crete knew about German parachute invasion in advance, but were ared not to act on the knowledge (5579).

2.36 IIIM Jack Ahoyi (Walter Force 1934 US). Breezy cornady sterring genial, trowel-faced, musical hall cornecten Jack Hulbert as the nevel rating who falls for the admirals daughter (1967319). To 4em.

! **Newe Headlines** (T) (5002276). **3.20** London sy (T) (8252789).

3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (83), **4.00** Fiftsen to One (T) (88), **4.30** Countdown (T) (82), **5.00** Rickl Lake (S) (T) (1280), **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (34).

6.30 Home Improvement. At is asked to make a DIY vidao and foolishly asks Tim to direct it in the US altoom which falled to take off in this country (S) (27).

7.00 Chennel 4 News) Waather (T) (670289)

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9.00 Brookside. Mink and Sinbad become friends again, you'll be reassured to read, but Bev leaves Anthea out in the oold (1) (7444).

10.30 Faking it. Documentary about people who hoax the media, looking at the history of such soame (182482).

9.00 Channal 4 Schools: Science in Focus (4132837), 9.20
What the Papers Said (8486453), 5.30 Eurskal (1213666),
9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1201821), 10.00 The Number
Crew (6747631), 10.10 TVM (9461914), 10.25 How We Used
to Live (9440821), 10.45 Worlds of Faith (2236596), 11.00
First Edition VI (8586531), 11.15 Stage One (8509482),

5 News and Sport (S) (5865602). 7.00 WidaWorld (R) (S) (T) (6230043). 7.30 Millioshakel (S) (3799717). 7.35 Wimzle's House (R) (3492869). 8.00 Hewakazoo (R) (S) (4266043). 8.30 Dappledown Faum (R) (S) (4267314). 9.00 Weether Front (R) (S) (1950550). 9.25 (Hussell Grant's Postcarde (7685621). 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (6338005). 10.20 Sunset Beach (S) (T) (1345599). 11.10 Leeza (S) (4787821). 12.00 5 News at Noon (S) (T) (4238602). 12.30 Family Affeirs (S) (T) (9280376). 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (S) (T) (9280376). 1.30 The Roseanna Show (R) (S) (9289647). 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (S) (5435376). 2.30 Good Afternoon (S) (1088956).

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6.00 Kirtg of the Mill. Animated Middle America. It is the battle of the generations when Hank and his mends take on four tesnagare in a game of paintball (H) (47). 9.00 100 Par Cent. The game show without a host (B) (6685621). 5.20 Sunset Beach. Tyus confirms that Michael is eterile (S) (T) (8443789).

6.30 Family Affairs. Days menages to destroy the letter before Cat reads It (8) (T) (8676173).

7.00 5 News, lectuding First on Five. Kirsty Young with the news bulletin (5) (T) (5439182).

thek. Another entry in that mushrooming goes hand-in-hand with the growth in

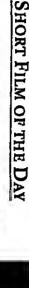
9.00 IIIM The Vanishing (George Siu Despite the same director being impor

11.00 7wo. The F8I is on Gue's trail in this ongoing thrill series (S) (7721956).

11.55 The Jack Docharty Show. The Divine Comedy provide the inter-chat mueic (S) (7/47/11).

12.35 Live and Dangerous (\$) (7802777). 3.48 Asian Football Show (\$) (3822583). 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Slock H (8052375). 5.30 100 Per Cent (8220832). To 8am.

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(10.15pm BBC2. right) Video Nation, BBC2's excellent series of films made by the general public about their lives, returns with 10 shorts about peoplo's attilitudes to housework. Tho first selection looks at three individuals who think that tidying and washing up is a mug's game – social conditioning for the oppression of humanity. Jennifer Crimshew gets around the problem of dirty dishes by eating prepared eslads out of their containers (sometimes being messy seems like harder work than being tity), while student Vicki declares that "I absolutely insist on an unmada bed".



DOCUMENTARY OF THE DAY

BWINGERS -- PAITHFUL TO YOU I (ICAOpm ITV, Ingin) Somehow one does. "to swing" (as in to take part in promis having declensions, but when nursa K "swung" before she met husband Ceol ridiculous new lexicon opens up. Kath parties with a difference". Meanwhile, sha puts on a medellon with letter "9" sha is at the mercy of her husband. From the state of the same that JU IN MY FASHION
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